

# Clinging Sin

"So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand."  
Romans 7:21 (English Standard Version)

It's hard to \_\_\_\_\_ through a patch of \_\_\_\_\_!

## The Meaning Of Hebrews 12:1,2

A. The emphasis on "endurance":

1. 12:1 - The image is that of a \_\_\_\_\_. The objective is to \_\_\_\_\_ the course. \_\_\_\_\_ is needed.
2. Hebrews 10:32 - In the past they had \_\_\_\_\_ a hard \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Hebrews 10:35,36 - They now had need of \_\_\_\_\_ in order to receive the \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Challenges to Christian endurance:

1. 12:1 - We are to lay aside every \_\_\_\_\_, and sin which \_\_\_\_\_ so closely. What does he mean?
2. The idea may be sin that \_\_\_\_\_ to us, or sin that \_\_\_\_\_ us.
3. 1 Corinthians 7:35 - Paul wanted to secure their \_\_\_\_\_ devotion to the \_\_\_\_\_.

## The Lesson From Hebrews 12:1,2

A. Others have allowed sin to remove them from the race:

1. Genesis 3:6 - \_\_\_\_\_ focused only on the \_\_\_\_\_, not on what God had \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Joshua 7:20,21 - \_\_\_\_\_ focused only on the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. 2 Timothy 4:10 - \_\_\_\_\_ focused only on the \_\_\_\_\_.

B. How we must view our race:

1. Romans 7:21 - When Paul wanted to do \_\_\_\_\_, he found that \_\_\_\_\_ was close by.
2. Hebrews 11:25 - \_\_\_\_\_ chose \_\_\_\_\_ over sin.
3. Hebrews 12:1,2 - Above all, we must focus on \_\_\_\_\_, who \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ set before Him.
4. Psalm 101:3 - We have to decide not to set before our \_\_\_\_\_ worthless things; "it shall not \_\_\_\_\_ to me."

C. Peterson: "\_\_\_\_\_ down, start running, and never \_\_\_\_\_!"

Hebrews 12:1,2 - Athletes will wear \_\_\_\_\_ as they \_\_\_\_\_ for a race. When the race comes, they will \_\_\_\_\_ them.

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