

**THE URGENT NEED TO RESPOND TO GOD WHEN DISCIPLINED**  
**(Hebrews 12:12-17)**

**Concerning the Christian life race...**

1. We need to realize that we are running the race that God has set before us!
2. We need to keep in mind the witness of those who successfully ran before us (chp 11)
3. We are urged to lay aside every weight & the sin that easily hinders our progress in this race of life!
4. We need to run with steadfast endurance in light of the long haul before us.
5. We need to be looking unto Jesus as the right object of faith in the Christian life race!
6. We are encouraged to earnestly consider Him who endured such hostility, lest during the Christian life race we become discouraged in our minds!
7. We are not to \_\_\_\_\_ the exhortation concerning \_\_\_\_\_ that speaks to us as God's children
8. We are encouraged to not \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord nor be \_\_\_\_\_ when we are \_\_\_\_\_ of Him!
9. We are urged to \_\_\_\_\_ to disciplinary \_\_\_\_\_ in life (12:6, 12-17)
  - a. As fellow believers, we are \_\_\_\_\_ to minister to the \_\_\_\_\_ members of the assembly
  - How are we to do that?
    - 1) We are to \_\_\_\_\_ those whose hands & knees need \_\_\_\_\_ !
    - 2) We are to \_\_\_\_\_ them toward the straight paths of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. As believer's in Christ, we are \_\_\_\_\_ to *personally* pursue \_\_\_\_\_ :
    - 1) We are to pursue \_\_\_\_\_ with all men... and
    - 2) We are to pursue practical \_\_\_\_\_ with God
- How will *fulfilling* these obligations be possible? (12:15)

It will call for careful \_\_\_\_\_ ("*looking carefully*") on our part & \_\_\_\_\_ to the Holy Spirit for His \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ for correct application in life!

  - 1) By not "*looking carefully*" ... we may fall short of the \_\_\_\_\_ for any situation in life!

2) By not “*looking carefully*”... we may allow \_\_\_\_\_ to take root in our life, and if not checked, our bitterness will surely \_\_\_\_\_ and adversely affect \_\_\_\_\_!

3) By not “*looking carefully*”... we may be like \_\_\_\_\_ who was \_\_\_\_\_ in his thinking.

- The issue with Esau (Genesis 25)

- Why was being *firstborn* so significant?

a. Esau’s sin was his \_\_\_\_\_ concerning his spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ as firstborn, and this was illustrated in light of him \_\_\_\_\_ it for a \_\_\_\_\_ to satisfy his appetite!

b. Esau is an example of a son who was \_\_\_\_\_ on the basis of a decision he made concerning a spiritual issue that became \_\_\_\_\_!

c. Esau forfeited his \_\_\_\_\_ to Jacob and then lost his father’s \_\_\_\_\_ even after he sought it diligently with \_\_\_\_\_!

- What did all this mean to the Hebrew believers of the first century?

- What does this mean to you today?