

# Running The Race

(Hebrews 12:1-2)

- Introduction:
1. Christianity is compared to many different things in Scripture.
    - a. Boxing (1 Corinthians 9:26).
    - b. War (1 Timothy 6:12).
    - c. A Journey (Hebrews 11:3).
    - d. A Race (Hebrews 12:1-2).
  2. In this lesson, we want to discuss the comparison between Christianity and a race.

## I. We Run This Race By Faith

- A. (2 Timothy 1:12).
- B. We run for a prize not seen (2 Corinthians 5:7).
- C. We are not the first to run this race (Hebrews 11:32-39).
- D. "Trust and Obey" - for there's no other way.

## II. We Must Law Aside Every Hindrance

- A. (Hebrews 12:1).
- B. Nothing in our lives should be allowed to hinder us from the race we must run.
- C. Sin, entertainment, Work, Education, Money, Companions, even Family.

## III. We Must Run With Endurance

- A. (Hebrews 12:1).
- B. (Revelation 2:10).
- C. (1 Corinthians 10:12).
- D. (2 Timothy 4:10).

## IV. We Must Run With A Goal

- A. (Hebrews 12:2).
- B. (Luke 9:62).
- C. Every race has a finish line, and the one running must look to it.

- Conclusion:
1. Some will run the race with speed and grace, while others will lumber along, stumbling over their clumsy feet.
  2. But victory in this race does not belong to the first one across the finish line, but to all who cross the finish line.
  3. So don't give up!
  4. Keep your eyes upon Jesus, and run with endurance until you have finished the race.