

“An Enduring Heart”

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Hebrews 12:1-3

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Introduction:

- A. It is more important to _____ well than to _____ well.
- B. I don't believe that you have to _____ everything you _____.
- C. The purpose of today's sermon is to challenge us to finish the _____ thing - the Christian _____ (the Christian _____).

I. *Jesus Overcame The _____.*

- A. Jesus could have quit during His time of _____ (Lk. 4:1-2; Heb. 2:18).
- B. Jesus could have let the _____ stop Him.
- C. One more thing might have caused Jesus to quit - _____.

II. *Jesus Focused On The _____.*

- A. Hebrews 12:2 offers the clue in a single phrase: “who for the _____ set before him.”
- B. Knowing what awaited Him in _____ enabled Jesus to finish the race on _____, and the same can be true for us.
- C. If we are going to be able to stay in the race and finish it, then we need to keep our eyes on the example of Jesus and do what He did—focus on the _____ (2 Tim. 4:7-8; Mt. 6:19-20; Phil. 3:12-15).

Conclusion:

- A. There is nothing more worthwhile than to do God's _____ and _____ it.
- B. The key to having an enduring heart is to keep clearly in _____ the finish line of our heavenly _____.
- C. *I Can Only Imagine* by Mercy Me.

Answer Key: Intro. A. finish, start. B. finish, start. C. right, life, race. I. Obstacles. I.A. temptation. I.B. accusations. I.C. shame. II. Prize. II.A. joy. II.B. heaven, earth. II.C. finish, line. Concl.A. will, finish. Concl.B. focus, reward.