

## Blueprint Text Nine: Hebrews 12:1-14

- **A Plea to Endure in Our Sanctification: An Overview of Hebrews**

1. “Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us” is a t\_\_\_\_\_ emphasized throughout the book of H\_\_\_\_\_. (Hebrews 6:9-12 and 10:35-39). Ferguson thus titles this chapter in the book, “Keep Going!”
2. In order to endure, we must learn to g\_\_\_\_\_ our h\_\_\_\_\_ against the d\_\_\_\_\_ of sin and against the d\_\_\_\_\_ of unbelief (Hebrews 3:1, 3:14, 4:2, 12:14-17).
3. The word for s\_\_\_\_\_ in 12:14 is the same word often translated p\_\_\_\_\_ in other parts of the New Testament. As we strive for holiness, we must do so with great e\_\_\_\_\_ and f\_\_\_\_\_.
4. In order to endure, we must never lose sight of the important role that f\_\_\_\_\_ plays in e\_\_\_\_\_ perseverance (Hebrews 3:13, 10:24-25).
5. In order to endure, we must remember God’s p\_\_\_\_\_ g\_\_\_\_\_ in the past (Hebrews 10:32-36 and chapter 11).
6. In order to endure, we must o\_\_\_\_\_ and s\_\_\_\_\_ to those who lead us (Hebrews 13:17).

- **The Positive Indicative of Hebrews 12:1**

We are s\_\_\_\_\_ by the w\_\_\_\_\_ of Hebrews 11 as we run our Christian r\_\_\_\_\_. “They were witnesses to the reality and nature of p\_\_\_\_\_ f\_\_\_\_\_. They kept r\_\_\_\_\_. We are s\_\_\_\_\_ by them, but not f\_\_\_\_\_ on them. Our e\_\_\_\_\_ are to be f\_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus.” Still, they do serve as an e\_\_\_\_\_ to us.

• **The Negative Imperatives (“Putting Off”) of Hebrews 12:1**

1. We must lay aside every weight. This impedes those things which are not in and of themselves sinful (Mark 4:18-19, I Corinthians 10:23, I Timothy 4:1-5) but can become a hindrance to our running our race weightless. Just because it is “a hindrance for Christ” does not mean it will always hinder my goal of running towards Jesus Christ and his glory. A simple litmus test: “Do I have to have this, or can I live without it?” (Luke 9:23-24, Matthew 10:37).
2. We must lay aside sin which clings so closely. A literal translation is sin which “sticks well attached.” Some translate it sin which easily binds or entangles. This may refer to our sensual sins or to inbred sins. Either way, it is true that all believers still must fight their own natural and physical sins. Further it is true that demonic sins entangle demonic saints to demonic degrees. “We must remember that Jesus came to save us, that is to save us from, from sin” (I Thessalonians 4:10, Titus 2:11-14).
3. As always, putting off requires putting on, so lay to Jesus with whom you are united as you forsake what hinders your endurance (Hebrews 12:2, Romans 13:14) .