

Hebrews (10)

Heb 12:1-13

When I joined the army, I didn't realize that I was saying to them, "tell me when to get up, when to go to bed, when to eat, what clothes to wear, how far to march, how close to shave, etc. After the oath, no turning back!

What permission did you give to God? Did you say, "God, these are the things I need you to take care of: health, finances, job, salvation. But these other things like relationships, daily life such as food and drink, use of free time, career, use of money, I will supervise. Is that a deal? "

These verses have the main idea of a race. It could be a marathon for one, but it could be a relay race with many at different times and different portions. There are those that have finished their part. And then there are those still running and them is us.

And when we talk about racing the subject of training will be close at hand. Who will be your coach, the person you will trust to give you the best advice to run well and to finish well? What will be the conditions of this coach and runner relationship?

Look at some of the things one will have to consider:

1. get rid of every weight and the sin that clings so closely. 2. run with endurance. 3. may not grow weary in your souls and give up. 4. bloodshed in your struggle against sin. 5. discipline seems painful at the time

Are you going to say ok to weight loss but not to that favorite sin? How about running is ok but when I get tired I'm stopping? And if I see any blood I'm fainting!

This is how Jesus said it:

John 15:1-2 "I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener. He takes away every branch that does not bear fruit in me. He prunes every branch that bears fruit so that it will bear more fruit. "

How much pruning will you allow him to do? Can you recognize God's pruning?

Here are some other things to think about.

1. keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. 2. Think of him who endured such opposition against himself. 3. God is treating you as sons. 4. but he does so for our benefit,

We will not be doing this alone. We have an experienced teammate who has known the difficulties. And the coach considers you as a son so he is personally involved and knows the benefits we will gain when we finish.

And what are those benefits?

But later it produces the fruit of peace and righteousness for those trained by it.

Peace: tranquillity, security, safety, prosperity, harmony

Righteousness: used of him whose way of thinking, feeling, and acting is wholly conformed to the will of God, the condition acceptable to God

So how much permission will you give to God?