

11/14/2021 - "Uncluttered – Stuff!"

Hebrews 12:1-3; 1 Tim. 6:17-19; Proverbs 30:8-9

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him Who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (Hebrews 12:1-3, NIV)

Four keys for both _____ &
_____ your own race. –

1 – Remember the heroes who've already crossed their Finish Line (and others around the world who are also running with you now.)

4 – Keep your eyes on Jesus, Who kept His eyes on "the joy set before Him" so He could go all the way through the awful crucifixion to finish!

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2 – _____ your life from _____ – it can so easily trip us up! (Duh!)

Cf. 1 John 1:9; Ephesians 5:18

3 – Unclutter your life from _____
_____. It weighs you down!

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→ Is what is currently in my life _____
me run the particular race God has called *me* to
run...or actually _____ my progress?

○ Am I trying to get to the place where I
have so much that I "don't need God"?

Proverbs 30:8-9

○ Is there anything that is _____
_____ _____ ?

→ Could I turn my extra stuff into
_____ for others' race?

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. (1 Timothy 6:17-19)

*God, teach me lessons for living
so I can stay the course...*

*Give me an appetite for your words of wisdom,
and not for piling up loot.*

*Divert my eyes from toys and trinkets,
invigorate me on the pilgrim way.*

(Psalm 119:37, "The Message" paraphrase)

Key: running well, finishing; unclutter, sin; unnecessary stuff; helping; hurting; just weighing me down; resources