

HOW TO RUN
THE RACE OF FAITH
Hebrews 12:1-4

I. Therefore

II. Put Off Every Weight and Sin that Controls

apotithēmi – put away, stow away, get rid of

euperistatos - controlling tightly, constricting, obstructing, easily distracting,
easily encircles, besetting

Colossians 3:8

Philippians 4:22

1 John 4:15-17

Hebrews 3:12-13

III. Run the Race Set Before Us

agōn – conflict, fight, race, contention, struggle

hypomonē - capacity to continue to bear up under difficult circumstances; the
characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose
and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings

1 Timothy 6:11-12

2 Timothy 4:6-8

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

IV. Look to Christ

aphoraō - to turn the eyes away from other things and fix them on something

Hebrews 2:10-13a; 4:15-16; 6:19-20

V. Consider His Sacrifice

John 17:4-5

Philippians 2:6-8

Galatians 6:9

Matthew 26:38; Luke 22:41-44; Habakkuk 1:13a; Matthew 27:46

2 Corinthians 5:21

Closing Thought: Beloved, our Christian lives are a battle to please God by faithful living. In this difficult battle we must put off worldly lusts and the besetting sins that distract us from our purpose. We are to look away from worldly distractions, and look to Jesus Christ, the source of our faith. Since we will never have to battle against our sin before God because of Jesus, let's run the race set before us with endurance.