

A Call to Persevere Part 3: Have you forgotten?
Hebrews 12

Hebrews 12:1-2 *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Hebrews 12:3 *Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.*

Consider (analogizomai): to think or reason with thoroughness and completeness.

You many not grow weary (kamnō): to become discouraged.

Fainthearted (psyche): soul, inner self, mind.

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Contest (1-4)

Chastening (5-11)

Challenge (12-17)

Contrast (18-29)

Chastening (5-11)

Hebrews 12:5 *And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?*

Have you forgotten (eklanthanomai): to forget completely or thoroughly.

Consider (analogizomai): to think or reason with thoroughness and completeness.

Exhortation (paraklēsis): encouragement, comfort

1 John 3:1–3 *See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.*

Proverbs 3:11–12 *My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of his reproof, ¹² for the LORD reproveth him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.*

Hebrews 12:5 *“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.*

Do (not) regard lightly (oligōreō): despise, regard as having little value.

The discipline (padeia): chastisement for improving behavior.

training.

Be weary (eklyō): become discouraged, to lose heart, give up

When reproved (elenchō): expose; reprove; convict.

Hebrews 12:6 *For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”*

Chastises (mastigoō): punish.

Hebrews 12:7–8 *It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸ If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.*

lesser to the greater

Hebrews 12:9 *Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?*

Hebrews 12:10 *For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.*

Holiness (hagiotēs): holiness, unique purity.

2 Peter 1:4 *by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.*

In Christ we have been made partakers of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4), and as partakers, God chastens us so that we will partake even more. The most holy of us

are those who have properly endured the most discipline. What a gift, then, discipline is! R. Kent Hughes. Hebrews: An Anchor for the Soul

Hebrews 12:11 *For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.*

Trained (gymnazō): to train; to undergo discipline.

Hebrews 12:6 *For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”*

He receives (paradechomai): accept; receive by inheritance

Adoption

Adoption is greater than justification

Romans 8:15 *For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”*

Galatians 4:4–7 *But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.*

Following Christ does not mean the subtraction of all trials, but the addition of His strength to go through them triumphantly. Steven J. Lawson.