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Hebrews 6:1-12



¹ Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, **let us press on to maturity**, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ² of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. ³ And this **we will do**, if God permits.



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⁴ For in the case of those who have once **been enlightened** and have **tasted of the heavenly gift** and **have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit,** ⁵ and **have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,** ⁶ and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.

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⁷ For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and **brings forth vegetation** useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, **receives a blessing from God;** ⁸ but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being cursed, and it ends up being burned.

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⁹ But, beloved, **we are convinced of better things concerning you**, and things that accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way. ¹⁰ For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and **the love which you have shown toward His name**, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.



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11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, 12 so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.



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What Am I
Focused
On?

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¹ Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, **let us also lay aside every encumbrance** and the sin which so easily entangles us, and **let us run with endurance the race** that is set before us, ² **fixing our eyes on Jesus**, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2

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11 But flee from these things, you man of God, and **pursue** righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith; **take hold** of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.



1 Timothy 6:11-12

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18 Where there is no **vision**, the
people are unrestrained,
But **happy** is he who **keeps** the law.



Proverbs 29:18

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What's Our
Vision?



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15 And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. 16 He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.



Mark 16:15-16

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25 Husbands, **love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,** 26 so that He might **sanctify her, having cleansed her** by the washing of water with the word, 27 that He might present to Himself **the church in all her glory,** having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.



Ephesians 5:25-27

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²⁰ Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor.

²¹ Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, **he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.** ²²

Now flee from youthful lusts and **pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.**



2 Timothy 2:20-22

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What Are We

Doing

Well?

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We Are Growing



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³ **I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,** ⁴
always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for
you all, ⁵ **in view of your participation in the gospel**
from the first day until now. ⁶ **For I am confident of**
this very thing, that He who began a good work in you
will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.



Philippians 1:3-6

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5 **Test yourselves** to see if you are in the faith; **examine yourselves!** Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?



2 Corinthians 13:5

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⁷ Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and **considering the result of their conduct,** imitate their faith.



Hebrews 13:7

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We Are Sincere



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16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. **17** Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. **18** Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.

James 5:16-18

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²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; ²⁴ and **let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,** ²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, **but encouraging one another;** and all the more as you see the day drawing near.



Hebrews 10:23-25

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We Are Loving



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⁹ Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ **Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;** ¹¹ not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹² rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, ¹³ **contributing to the needs of the saints,** practicing hospitality.



Romans 12:9-13

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1 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, **restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness**; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

2 **Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.**



Galatians 6:1-2

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1Thessalonians 4:1



Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that **as you received from us instruction as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you excel still more.**