

TAKE COURAGE ~ Hebrews 12:12-14

→ Scripture Reading Hebrews 12:10-15

INTRODUCTION

[10] Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God DISCIPLINES us for our good, that we may SHARE in his HOLINESS. [11] No DISCIPLINE seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a HARVEST of righteousness and peace for those who have been TRAINED by it.

ENCOURAGE AND HELP THE WEAK ~ Hebrews 12:12-13

[12] Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. [13] Make level paths for your feet, so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

APPLICATION

TAKE COURAGE

- Get rid of everything that HINDERS v. 1
- Turn away from sin which ENTANGLES v. 1
- FOCUS on Jesus so You won't grow weary v.2-3
- REMEMBER God's Discipline is for our GOOD v. 10
- Remember the HARVEST v. 11

The gospel of Jesus Christ is not that if you follow Jesus everything goes well for you. The gospel is that no matter what comes, He will be ENOUGH. M Chandler

John 16:33 (NIV) "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. **But TAKE HEART! I have overcome the world.**"

APPLICATION

Galatians 6:1-2 (HCS) Brothers, if someone is caught in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual should restore such a person with a gentle spirit, watching out for yourselves so you also won't be tempted. [2] **Carry one another's burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.**



PURSUING PEACE AND HOLINESS ~ Hebrews 12:14

[14] Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

APPLICATION

Matthew 5:23-24 (NIV) Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, [24] leave your gift there in front of the altar. First **go and be reconciled to your brother**; then come and offer your gift.

Romans 12:18-21 (NIV) If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. [19] Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. [20] On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." [21] **Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

APPLICATION

Hebrews 10:12,14 (NIV) But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. ...**because by one sacrifice he has made PERFECT forever those who are BEING made holy.**

1 John 3:2 (HCS) Dear friends, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when He appears, **we will be LIKE Him BECAUSE we will SEE Him as He is.**

TAKE AWAY ??

TAKE COURAGE and... K. Hughes

- run HARD - keep going do not give up
- run TOGETHER - help those that are weaker
- pursue PEACE - make the effort
- pursue HOLINESS - separated to God

QUESTIONS

1. When we are discouraged what does it mean to TAKE COURAGE?
2. Why is it important to remember that we are NOT competing with each other in the Christian life?
3. How can we Pursue practical personal Holiness in our own lives?