

WEEKLY ENCOURAGEMENT

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THE CHALLENGE BEFORE US

PART TWO

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-11

I. INTRO

- There are things that must be removed before we can receive what God has for us. Sometimes we can't receive in our hands what God has for us because our hands are already full of what we desire instead of what *He* desires for us.

II. WE NEED TO CONSIDER OUR EXAMPLE | VERSES 2-3

- "Looking unto Jesus"

- Jesus Christ is the **pattern** for our lives.
- Jesus Christ gives the proper **perspective** on life.
- Jesus Christ leads the **procession** as author of life.
- Jesus Christ is the **perfecter** of our faith.

- **QUESTION:** Why should I consider Christ as my example?

A. THE JUDGMENT HE RECEIVED

- "He endured the cross, despised the shame."

B. THE JOY HE SHOWED

- "Who for the joy that was set before Him..."

C. THE JOB HE COMPLETED

- "Has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God..."

- **Why no chair in the holy of holies?** Because the job of the priest in the temple was never finished!
- **"It Is Finished!"**—Jesus finished the job on the cross!

III. WE NEED TO CORRECT OUR WAYS WHEN HE CHASTENS | VERSES 4-11

A. HE CHASTENS TO ASSURE US OF HIS LOVE | VERSES 4-6

- **One way I know I'm a child of God:** I can't sin and get away with it.
- **We're all God's creation,** but we're not all God's children!

B. HE CHASTENS TO ASSURE US OF OUR SONSHIP | VERSE 7

- God wants to turn His chastisement into fruitful, peaceful relationship with Him.

C. HE CHASTENS TO ASSURE US OF HIS HOLINESS IN US | VERSES 8-11

- "God chastens us for **our profit.**"