



The Christian Life — 3 Things We All Need

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Hebrews 12:12-17

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What we have learned so far in our study ...

- The Theme of the Book - Jesus is "Better" ...
- The Outline of the Book of Hebrews ...

A Better Person: Jesus (1-6)

A Better Priest: Jesus (7-10)

A Better Principle: Faith (11-13)

The People of Faith (11)

The Perseverance of Faith (12)

Run the Race - Looking to Jesus vs. 1-2

Discipline — How God Trains Us vs. 3-11

What we are going to learn today in our study ...

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The Connection with vs. 1-11 — "*Therefore*"

Christians live on two sides of the same coin: **DOCTRINES** (what we believe) & **EXHORTATIONS** (what we do). 1 Timothy 6:2; 2 Timothy 4:1-2

Because the Christian life is a **COMMUNITY** project we need each other (see the language used in vs. 12-17)

The Caution — This is the 5th warning in Hebrews

1. Drifting from the Word (2:1-4)
2. Doubting the Word (3:7-4:13)
3. Dull toward the Word (5:11-6:20)
4. Despising the Word (10:26-39)
5. **Disobeying** the Word (12:14-19)

LESSON - The Christian Life: 3 Things We All Need 12:12-17

I. TO BE **PREPARED** FOR THE BATTLE — Encourage One Another vs. 12-13

The Problem — "... hands that are *weak* and the knees that are *feeble*."

The Practice — "***Strengthen the hands make straight paths for your feet, so that ...***"

The Application Point — How would you encourage others through Isaiah 53:1-4?

II. TO BE AT **PEACE** & **PURSUE** SANCTIFICATION (HOLINESS) — Help Each Other v. 14

The Passage — What it *does* and *does not* say.

The Perspective — The root (justification) and fruit (sanctification) of salvation.

"*Pursue peace with all men*" — This is loving **OTHERS**. (Romans 12:18; James 3:13-18)

"*and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord*" — This is loving **GOD**. (1 John 3:2-3)

The Application Point — What effort have you put into helping one another reconcile relationships and live godlier?

III. TO BE **PROTECTING** ONE ANOTHER — Watch Out For Each Other vs. 15-17

The Call — "*See to it ...*" (GK. Episkopeō)

The Challenge — 2 Things to make sure of:

"*that no one comes short of the grace of God.*" — That is about God's **HELP**.

"*that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled.*" — This is about their **HARDNESS**

The Case — "*that there be no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal.*"

The Application Point — Have you accepted your responsibility to warn and watch out for each other?