

THE WINNER'S CIRCLE
Win The Race
HEBREWS 12:1-3

CONSIDER THE WINNER'S v. 1a

The great cloud of witnesses were individuals referenced in Hebrews 11.

“Cloud of witnesses”- Ordinary men and women who won the race because they exercised faith.

- ◆ **FINITE=Each winner was a 100 % human being.**
- ◆ **FLAWED=Each winner was not perfect and made many mistakes.**
- ◆ **FAITHFUL=Each winner walked and trusted God by faith.**

CONSIDER YOURSELF v. 1b

When the race gets difficult, we like to blame circumstances or other people, or even God. But many times, we are the ones to blame. The writer encourages us to take inventory of our lives, to see if there are any hindrances.

WEIGHT=Bulk or mass that hinders the runner from running faster.

TYPES OF WEIGHT

- ◆ **PASSIONS:** Pride, Jealousy, Anger, Resentment, Greed, Unprocessed grief
- ◆ **PAIN:** Past Hurts, Unforgiveness, Bitterness, Failures, Struggles
- ◆ **PLEASURES:** Addictions, Habits, Sin of Choice
- ◆ **PERSONALITY:** Immaturity, Busybody, Undependable
- ◆ **PEOPLE**
Users-Leaches, Takers
Abusers-Verbal, Emotional, Physical
Controllers-Thoughts, Actions
- ◆ **PRIORITIES-**Spiritual, Family, Financial

CONSIDER JESUS CHRIST v. 2-3

The Christian life begins when the sinner looks to Jesus. Jesus Christ is the greatest winner! His life should inspire believers to endure until the end.

WHY LOOK TO JESUS?

HE IS THE AUTHOR OF OUR FAITH

HE IS THE FINISHER OF OUR FAITH