

Higher Ground

KEEPING A SPIRITUAL FOCUS IN THIS MATERIAL WORLD





Because We Are in a Race

Heb. 12:1-3

- This Earthly Life

- A Set Course

- 2ND COR. 5:10; 2ND TIM. 4:7 (NASB)**

- A Set Finish Line

- 2ND TIM. 4:7; ACTS 20:23, 24**

- A Set Reward

- 2ND TIM. 4:8; 1ST COR. 9:25; 1ST JOHN 2:25**



Because We Are in a Race

Heb. 12:1-3

- We Run to WIN

- A Way to Win the Prize

2ND TIMOTHY 2:5

- Temperate in All Things

ACTS 24:25; GAL. 5:22; 2ND PET. 1:5-11

- We Can Be Disqualified

2ND TIM. 2:5; 2ND COR. 13:5



Because There Are Many Distractions

- **Worldly Enticements/Trials**

- Worldly Desires

1ST JOHN 1:8; 2ND PETER 2:18

- Persecutions/Trials

HEB. 10:34, 35; 2ND TIM. 3:12

- Discouragement



Because There Are Many Distractions

- But We Must Run with Endurance

- This Race Requires It!

JAMES 1:12; MATT. 10:22

- Prerequisite to the Reward

HEBREWS 10:35, 36

- Given Only When the Race is Completed

2ND TIMOTHY 4:7, 8



Because He is Where We Seek to Be!

- He is Our Forerunner

- He Lived the Earthly Life

PHLP. 2:5-7; HEB. 2:14, 17

- He Endured Trials/Temptations

MATT. 4:1-11; HEB. 2:17, 18; 4:15

- He Finished — And WON!

1ST COR. 15:3, 4; 1ST JOHN 3:5; HEB. 2:14, 15



Because He is Where We Seek to Be!

- But We Must Follow Him

- We must Seek Heavenly Things

COLOSSIANS 3:1, 2

- We Must Endure to the End

1ST PETER 2:20-24

- Through Him — More Than Conquerors!

ROMANS 8:31-37

