

a study of the book of
HEBREWS
pressing on towards maturity

I. THE LIMITATIONS OF THE WITNESSES

A. Time will fail me.

1. A list of names

2. A list of results

a) Some positive

b) Some negative

3. All approved because of faith

B. All these died in faith without receiving.

C. Apart from us they should not be perfect.

II. REASON FOR THE WITNESSES (HEB 12:1)

A. Witnesses watching our performance

B. Speaking to us about the race

1. By their prophecy-

a) God has promised.

b) And we listened.

HEBREWS 12:1-2

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2. By their lives-

a) God was faithful.

b) And we endured.

III. PROPER RESPONSE TO THE WITNESSES (HEB 12:1-2)

A. Run as a competitor

1. Lay aside

2. Run with endurance

B. Looking unto Jesus

1. As a support

2. As a source

3. As an example

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