



## Endure to the Finish Line

***"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." John 12:24***

*What would it take to stop you? Do you ever feel like you are unstoppable—like you'll live forever? Lots of young people feel that way. You can tell the size of a Christian by what it takes to stop him. Some saints come up against HUGE OPPOSITION, greater than we've ever seen before. God's grace will be there for them, but we need to pray hard for them. Hebrews 12:1 says we are to **"run with patience the race that is set before us."** And this word "patience" is not used in the sense that we use this word. It literally means "endurance" here. A runner in a race is going to win or lose primarily based upon their endurance. Runners, there is no time to quit! When it really hurts, you cannot give up. You've got to run wisely and fight to the end. When your lungs are burning up, just pace yourself, kick, scratch and get across that line! You have got to make it. When your feet feel like you are wearing heavy boots, you cannot fall down. Draw upon the strength that's there for you. When you have a killer side ache, you cannot surrender! Quitters don't make good spiritual athletes. In the Christian life, you cannot lose if you do not quit. The Bible talks a lot about denying yourself and dying to self. No pain. No gain. Thank The Lord a thousand times for the power of the Holy Spirit so that you will be enabled to run the race to the very end and gain the victor's crown!*

*In the Fisher's mighty hand,  
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