

Do Not Draw Back

Hebrews 10:32-39

Introduction

- To be a child of God is to live one's life seeking to serve the Lord.

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- However, there are times when the world tempts us to shrink back.
 - Temptations of selfishness.
 - Family pressures, peer pressure, social pressures, etc.
 - Temptations to sin or to walk away from God.
 - Challenges of our work environment.
 - Challenges of our school environment.

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- Christians must be strong, not shrinking back from their responsibilities.
- With this lesson, we will consider five ways to maintain one's faithfulness to God.

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 - We have “*become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end.*” ***Heb 3:7-15***

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- If we allow ourselves to shrink back from serving the Lord, then we are throwing away our confidence in Jesus Christ.

Endure Doing the Will of God

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Heb 10:36-39

- Such endurance will result in one receiving the promise of eternity with God in heaven.

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- We will endure if live for Jesus Christ.

2 Cor 5:14-15

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- We will endure if we continue to serve the Lord, no matter what difficulties we may face. ***cf. James 5:7-11***

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- We must run this race with endurance.

Heb 12:1

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- If we endure, then we will receive a crown of righteousness. ***2 Tim 4:6-8***

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 - This faith is essential to pleasing God.
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 - Believe God exists.
 - Believe God rewards those who seek Him.

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- The righteousness of God is revealed when we live our lives by faith in Him.

Rom 1:16-17

- As long as we continue to live by faith, we will not shrink back from serving the Lord.

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- We are to “*cast off the works of darkness.*”

Rom 13:11-14

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- We are to lay aside that which would hinder our growth. ***1 Pet 2:1-3***

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- Consider some examples of weights which Christian are to shed. *1 Pet 4:1-5*
- If we are willing to remove any “weights” and sins, then we will not shrink back from serving the Lord.

Look to Jesus

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 - Jesus made our salvation possible.
Heb 2:10-13

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- We must keep our eyes on Jesus and His teachings. ***Heb 12:2***
 - We must press on, keeping our eye on the goal of our salvation. ***Phil 3:12-14***

Look to Jesus

- As long as we are looking to Jesus then we will never shrink back from serving the Lord.

Conclusion

- Do not shrink back from our faithfulness to God.
 - Hold to your confidence in Christ Jesus.
 - Endure doing the will of God.
 - Continue to live by faith in Jesus Christ and His word.
 - Remove all weights which would hinder our faithfulness.
 - Look to Jesus.

Conclusion

- If you are not a Christian, then come to Jesus today by believing in Him and obeying His call to salvation.