

# The Need For Constant Consideration

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**“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.”**

## 1. Entrapment-Around Us

**“clings”-literally means-“to skillfully surround”**

**This means sin itself tries to be intelligent/smart**

## 2. Entanglement-Behind Us

**“lay aside”-literally means- “to seize or throw off dramatically as if something is going to harm you.”**

### 3. Encouragement-Beside Us

“run”-word only used when referring to running with others as group not an individual (i.e. running is corporate)

“endurance”-“continuance as with a deliberate purpose without being skewed from it.”

### 4. Empowerment-Within Us

“looking” (v.2) the tense of the word indicates “looking with expectation”

we are not looking FOR Jesus but AT Jesus

