

## Vintage Values: Gaining Perspective on Principles and Priorities

Hebrews 12:1-2

#### Theme Passage

**Micah 6:8** (ESV) – He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

#### Main Passage

Hebrews 12:1-2 –¹Therefore, 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, ²looking 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.

# Big Idea – Perspective Must Precede Passion to Prevail in Carrying Out God's Purpose

## **God's Plan for Gaining Perspective**

# Step #1 – Encouragement – Passion for God's Word and Will is Enhanced When You Are Equipped and Encouraged

**Hebrews 12:1a** – <sup>1a</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

### Step #2 – Encumbrances – Perseverance Requires Clear Purpose and Direction

**Hebrews 12:1b**  $-^{1b}$ 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,

## Step #3 - Example - You Prevail When Your Priority is Shaped by His Principles

**Hebrews 12:2** – <sup>2</sup> 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.

## **Memory Verse**

**Hebrews 12:1** (ESV) – 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,

### **Going Deeper**

You are called to consistently apply the divine principles and truths found in the Word of God. Take the next step in your study by (1) Discussing and applying the sermon with your small group, (2) Participating in a Sunday School class, or (3) Study through the "Going Deeper" study guide.