This Keeps You Running – Peace & Holiness

Hebrews 12:14-17 3.24.2019

What does God want me to pursue?
#1, Peace with everyone
Psalm 34:14, Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.
Romans 14:19, So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.
>We all come short of the glory of God; and that's why no one should come up short of the grace of God.
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Deut. 29:18, Make sure there is no man or woman, clan or tribe among you today whose heart turns away from the Lord our God to go and worship the gods of those nations; make sure there is no root among you that produces such bitter poison.
#2, Holiness with God
Hebrews 10:10,14, By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

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Pursue Peace – Isa. 26:3, Phil. 4:6-7, Col. 3:15, 1 Pet. 3:11 The pursuit of peace requires active participation in a relationship with God. It demands a focus on the Lord rather than the current circumstances or even your own feelings. What are you doing to pursue

peace, and what have you allowed to hinder that pursuit?

Extend Grace Eph. 4:25-30, Gal. 6:1-2, 1 Pet. 4:10

Measuring up to the grace of God requires action. Grace is a transforming gift that enables us to extend grace to others. It's easy to accept grace, but often difficult to share the joy by extending that grace to others. How do you respond to those around you in need of grace?

Reject Bitterness Eph. 4:31-32, Col. 3:12-14, Mat. 5:21-24 Bitterness is a difficult condition with a single cause. It has nothing to do with your own fault, and everything to do with your willingness to forgive as God has forgiven you - unconditionally. Who do you need to forgive, and what will it take for you to accomplish the task?

Pursue Holiness 1 Pet. 1:14-16, 2 Cor. 7:1, 2 Tim. 2:21, Lev. 20:26 After salvation, God's next great work in each of us is our sanctification. Holiness is the result of God's perfect work, but you have a responsibility in the process. How do you respond when the Holy Spirit convicts you? How do you evaluate your behavior for the presence of holiness? What changes have you observed over time as a result of God's perfect work in you?

Don't Compromise 2 Pet. 1:3-4, Mat. 16:21-23; Psa. 33:20-22 The world offers easy solutions and quick fixes to many of the difficulties of life, but don't be misled. Focusing on temporal circumstances will cause you to lose sight of your eternal hope. How might you maintain an eternal viewpoint in the midst of your difficult situations? How do you pursue hope during difficult circumstances?