## Staying Power

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Introduction

- 1. Galatians 5:7-8
- 2. The word "hinder" mean road blocks things the hinder work
- 3. A race is used to illustrate the Christian life Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 9:24-26; text
- 4. A good beginning does not mean a good ending, we are to continue no matter what obstacles are in our way
- 5. Let us know the source, the cause, the what and then the way to keep going

II Discussion

- 1. The source of our hindrance
  - a. It is not from Him who called us Verse 8
    - i. The Lord strengthens us Philippians 4:13; 1 Peter 5:10
    - ii. He is our Helper not hinderer Hebrews 13:6; Psalm 33:20
  - b. Satan is our hinderer 1 Thessalonians 2:18
    - i. He may use agents Matthew 23:15, 13; Luke 11:52; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15
- 2. What are the causes of our being hinder
  - a. Falling to temptation Luke 8:13; 2 Peter 3:17
  - b. Persecutions Matthew 13:21; 24:12-13; 2 Corinthians 12:10
  - c. Cares of this world Matthew 13:21
  - d. Pleasures of this life Luke 8:14; 2 Timothy 3:4
  - e. False teachers Luke 11:52; Galatians 1:6-7
  - f. Popularity John 12:42-43
  - g. Indifference Hebrews 2:3
  - h. Unbelief Hebrews 3:18-19
  - i. Ignorance 1 Corinthians 8:7
  - j. Weakness 1 Corinthians 8:11
- 3. What is hindered
  - a. The Gospel is hindered 1 Corinthians 9:12
  - b. Our obedience to the Gospel Galatians 5:7
  - c. Our prayers 1 Peter 3:7
  - d. Our efforts to gain heaven Luke 13:24
- 4. How can we endure until the end
  - a. By reading, studying and memorizing God's Word Psalm 1; Psalm 119:11, 105; Acts 20:32; 1 John 4:1; Jude 3
  - b. Pray 1 Thessalonians 5:17
  - c. Have a responsibility to the local congregation Acts 9:26
  - d. Attend the assemblies Hebrews 10:25
  - e. Worship God fervently John 4:24
  - f. Add the Christian graces to one's life 2 Peter 1:5-11
  - g. Resolve to be faithful 2 Peter 1:10
  - h. Put on the whole armor of God Ephesians 6:11-17
  - i. Look unto Jesus Hebrews 12:1-4
  - j. Cast all your cares upon Jesus 1 Peter 5:7; Philippians 4:6

III Conclusion

- 1. The Galatians had permitted false teachers to hinder them
- 2. Will you allow someone or something to hinder you from finishing the race?
- 3. There is enough help for us to endure until the end

- 4. Will you use this help or be hindered?5. Come now

Sources: Noel Merideth A commentary on Galatians; Gleaning the Gospel sermon outlines from Galatians by Tom Holland; Porter sermon outlines; Vine's Dictionary; Englishman's Concordance; Thayer's