

## 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