

## DECIDING THE REST OF MY LIFE

Hebrews 12:12-17

- I. MY DIRECTION: PRIORITIZE SPIRITUAL STABILITY AND SERVING OTHERS (HEBREWS 12:12-13).
  - A. You cannot be strong and serve God well without addressing your spiritual weaknesses (12).
  - B. Your spiritual strength is meant to help someone weaker (13; 1 Thessalonians 5:14).
- II. MY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WORLD: SEEK PEACE WITH ALL, BUT STILL LIVE HOLY (HEBREWS 12:14).
  - A. Pursue peace in every relationship in the unbelieving world (14a; Romans 12:18).
  - B. Make sure your relationships in the world do not hinder your pursuit of holiness (14b; James 1:27; John 17:15-17).
- III. MY SIN ISSUES: ADDRESS SIN BECAUSE SIN ALWAYS HAS CONSEQUENCES (HEBREWS 12:15-17).
  - A. Don't waste God's grace by sinning (15a; 2 Cor. 6:1; 6:18-7:1).
  - B. Don't turn from following God for idols, and poisoning others as well (15b; Deuteronomy 29:18; Numbers 25:1-2).
  - C. Don't give in to immorality or any instant gratification (16-17).
    1. Esau gave up God's blessing to indulge in a single meal (16; Genesis 25:19-34; Genesis 27).
    2. Momentary sin brings irreversible loss of God's rewards (17; 1 Corinthians 3:14-15; 1 Corinthians 9:25, 27; 2 John 8).