

AN EXHORTATION TO PERSEVERANCE

(Hebrews 6:9-12)

A. ENCOURAGEMENT TO KEEP ON KEEPING ON (6:9-12)

1. In the previous verses (6:4-8) the author _____ his readers of the great dangers of apostasy, now he affectionately _____ them in the following paragraph. (vv. 9-12)

2. Notice the author does _____ say the “*better things*” refer to entrance into salvation, but to that which _____ salvation. (v. 9)

3. The connective “*For*” (in v. 10a) gives a two-fold reason for the author's confidence expressed in v. 9...
 - a. First God's righteous _____, He is not unjust so He _____ forget. (v. 10a)

 - b. Second the readers' commendable Christian _____ which they had displayed in His name. (v. 10b)

* How was this godly attitude expressed towards other believers? (v. 10c)

4. The writer placed individual emphasis on each of his readers when he said he desired that “_____ of you show the same diligence.” (v. 11a)

* What does the author want his readers to possess?

5. He wanted them to remain _____ to God, while waiting _____ for Him to fulfill His promises to them regarding their future inheritance. (v. 11b)

* What are some possible meanings for “*the end*”?

6. Earlier the writer had described his readers as being “_____ of hearing” (5:11); now he gave them the reason for not becoming “_____.” (v. 12a; cf. Prov. 24:30-34; 2 Pet. 1:5-10)

7. In 5:11 the readers had become lazy in their _____; here the author exhorts them to not become lazy in their _____.

8. The believers who are to be held up as good examples are the ones “*who through _____ and _____ inherit the promises.*” (v. 12b)

* What familiar triad is linked together in verses 10-12?

* How can you apply this passage in your own life?