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RUNNING WELL REQUIRES...

- **Preparation** - lay aside every **WEIGHT**
- **Participation** - must run the **RACE**
- **Perseverance** - never **GIVE UP**,
never **QUIT**

1 Corinthians 6:12 (HCS)

Everything is **PERMISSIBLE** for me,
but **not** everything is **HELPFUL**.

Everything is **permissible** for me,
but I will **not be brought under**
the **control** of anything.

Psalm 139:23 (NLT)

Search ME, O God, and know my **HEART**;
test me and know my **THOUGHTS**.

Point out ANYTHING in ME
that offends **YOU**, and lead me
along the path of everlasting life.

Never give in! Never! Never!
Never! Never! In anything great or
small, large or petty -

NEVER GIVE IN
except to **convictions of honor**
and **good sense.** Winston Churchill

I'm a **slow walker,**
but **I never walk back.**

Abraham Lincoln

[1] Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

[2] Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Philippians 1:6 (ESV)

And I am sure of this, that

HE who **BEGAN** a good work **IN** you

will bring it to **COMPLETION**

at the day of Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

...but those who **HOPE** in the **Lord** will
renew their strength.

They will **SOAR** on wings like eagles;
they will **RUN** and not grow weary,
they will **WALK** and not be faint.

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play;
In music sweet the tones repeat,
“There’s peace on earth, good will to men.”

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th' unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in **despair** I bowed my head:
“There is no peace on earth,” I said,
“For **hate** is **strong**, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.”

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:

“God is NOT DEAD,
nor does He SLEEP,
For Christ is HERE;

His Spirit NEAR

Brings peace on earth, good will to men.”

When men **repent** and turn **from sin**
The **Prince of Peace** then **enters in**,
And **grace imparts** within their **hearts**
His peace on earth, good will to men.

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