

Class 14 –
Hebrews 12:1

HEBREWS



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A witness (μαρτυς)

➤ In a legal sense

- Matt 26:65, Acts 7:58

➤ In a historical sense

- One who is a spectator of anything, e.g. of a contest
- Acts 2:32, Acts 1:8

➤ In an ethical sense

- Those who after his example have proved the strength and genuineness of faith in Christ by undergoing a violent death
- Acts 22:20, Rev 2:13; 17:6

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Encumbrance:

ὄγκος ὄγκος;

probably from the same as; a mass (as bending or bulging by its load), i.e. burden (hindrance):— weight.

Entangles:

εὐπερίστατος, εὐπερίστατον

skilfully surrounding

i.e. besetting, namely, to prevent or retard running

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Race:

ó } ś agSn, ag-one'
properly, a place of assembly (as if led), i.e. (by implication) a contest (held there); figuratively, an effort or anxiety:—conflict, contention, fight, race.

Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

AUTHOR

One who takes the lead in anything and thus affords an example, a predecessor in a matter, pioneer

PERFECTER

A completer, consummator, finisher

My son, do not regard lightly the **discipline** of the Lord...”

Discipline:

the whole training and education of children (which relates to the cultivation of mind and morals, and employs for this purpose now commands and admonitions, now reproof and punishment) It also includes the training and care of the body

DISCIPLINE = PARENTING

DISCIPLINE = LOVE & FAMILY

DISCIPLINE = WORTHY OF RESPECT

DISCIPLINE = TRAINING FOR GROWTH

DISCIPLINE = LONG-TERM JOY

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**PRACTICAL
APPLICATION OF
ACCEPTING
DISCIPLINE**

- **Accept criticism & your need to change & grow**
- **Pursue peace with all men**