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A. Lay aside every weight and entangling sin

B. Run with endurance the race God has set before you

II. Run Toward Christ With Your Eyes Fixed on Him

A. Look away from everything else

B. Look to Jesus, the Founder, Perfecter, and Victor of faith

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We tend to go where we fix our eyes.

Hebrews 12:1-2

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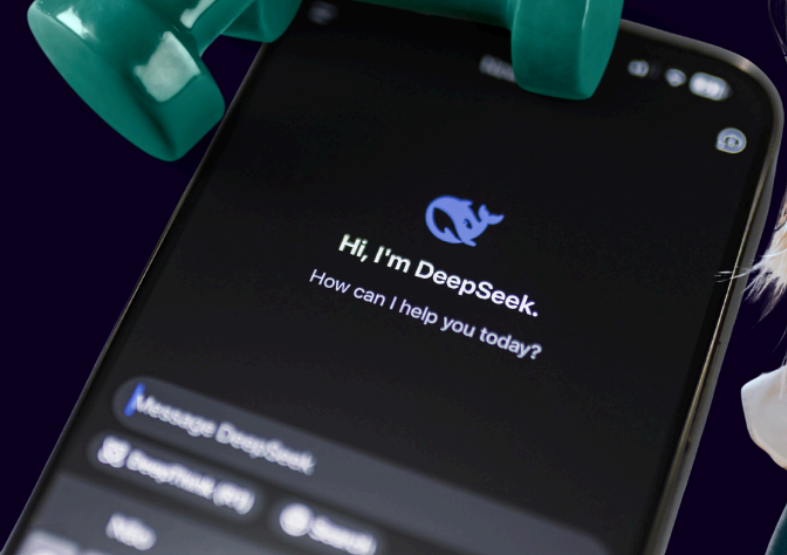
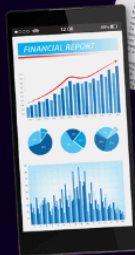
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(Hebrews 12:1)**

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¿Does this help me run to Jesus or
does it stall me?



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Hebrews 3:13

But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called
"Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's
deceitfulness.



A close-up photograph of a fly with transparent wings and a brown body, caught on a spider web. The web is illuminated with a blue-green light, creating a moody atmosphere. A speech bubble is positioned above the fly, containing text.

“Whatever. I can
get out whenever
I want!”

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God doesn't want to just forgive you;
He also wants to heal what you have
kept in the darkness.

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**Among people who engaged Scripture
four or more days a week, they were:**

- 62% less likely to drink to excess
- 59% less likely to view pornography
- 30% less likely to struggle with loneliness
- 228% more likely to share their faith
- 231% more likely to disciple others
- 407% more likely to memorize Scripture





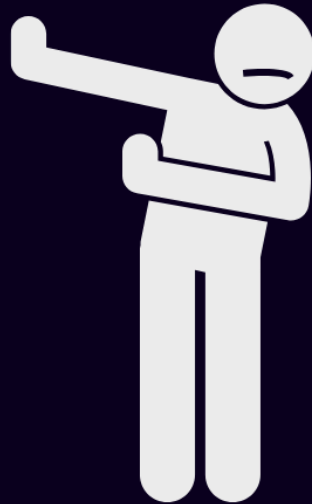
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**II. Run Toward Christ With
Your Eyes Fixed on Him
(Hebrews 12:2)**

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Stop looking at
other things



in order to better focus
on something else



What are you keeping your eyes on?

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