

We Do NOT Shrink Back

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Hebrews 10:31-33 NIV

It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you endured in a great conflict full of suffering. Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated.

Hebrews 10:34-35 NIV

You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.

Hebrews 10:36-39 NIV

You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. For, “In just a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay.” And, “But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back.” But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.

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Physically:

I'm overwhelmed, finances, I'm too young, I'm too old, what I do is not significant and I'm not sure it's God's will.

J.A.

Emotionally:

I want security, I want to be in control, I'm afraid of failure, my past or I don't want to leave my comfort zone.

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Relationally:

I don't want to suffer a loss, I don't want to let other people down, others won't support me and I don't want to be different.

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Spiritually:

**I'm not good enough, my past, I'm struggling to trust God in this,
I'm still struggling myself and is it even worth it?**

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Question

What causes me to shrink back?

Romans 12:3 NKJV

For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

Luke 22:42 NKJV

“Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.”

Hebrews 10:24-25 NIV

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 12:1-2 NKJV

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:3 NKJV

For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

Quote

We must fight against distractions. In the end, all that will matter is what we have done for the Lord.

- Anon

Hebrews 10:39 NLT

But we are not like those who turn away from God to their own destruction. We are the faithful ones, whose souls will be saved.