

“BEGINNING TO BEGIN”

HEBREWS 12:1-3

We stand on the cusp of a new year.

Make goals not resolutions.

“Begin at the beginning and go on till you come to the end: then stop.”

Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland

Plato said, “The beginning is the most important part of the work.”

“Great is the art of beginning, but greater the art is of ending.”

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Today is the first day of the rest of your life.

- I. BE CONSCIOUS OF WHO YOU ARE AND WHOSE YOU ARE
 - A. We are compassed by a great cloud of witnesses.
 - B. Perseverance is a mark of a strong Christian.
 - C. We receive encouragement from those who have gone before us.
- II. BE CONSCIOUS OF HOW TO RUN THE RACE.
 - A. Lay aside every weight.
 - B. Turn from every besetting sin.
- III. BE CONSCIOUS OF WHERE YOU ARE GOING.
 - A. Simply view: people are either going to heaven or hell.
 - B. Revelation 22:13 Jesus is the alpha and the omega—the beginning and the end.