

INTRODUCTION: American Business points out that many people start assavings account, make a small deposit then forget about it...even forgetting the account. Banks have many thousands of dollars deposited by such people. Witness page ads sometimes seen in news papers trying to locate such people. BUSINESS:

1. Full of such men...men who start out by quit. At the first sign of difficulty they quit...give up.
2. THE CHURCH IS FULL OF SUCH PEOPLE:
 1. We have developed a very nauseating habit: stopping right after starting.
 2. Consequently: many races have been started but few of them have been finished.
3. THE GREATEST DIFFICULTY IS EXPERIENCED:
 1. Among the drop-outs...those who just sat down, all out of breath, gave up, quit, often embittered.
 2. They become very faithful among the unfaithful...remaining away...They are not even sit-ins, or stand-ins. They cannot sit up or stand up; they have just flopped down. Did you ever try picking up a drunken man, or a person that had fainted? LIMP AS A WET RAG.

THIS IS THE AGE OF MANY RACES

1. The race to the moon. (2) The race in Atomic power: Destructive purposes or otherwise. The BIG RACE for the minds of men: Socialism...Communism about all left.
 1. In all these races rules apply, men know it, admit the necessity of such rules. MEN MUST BE QUALIFIED

SOME THINGS NECESSARY TO THE SUCCESSFUL CHRISTIAN RACE

1. We must strip ourselves of every encumbrance. There must be concentration of purpose: No divided interest, A full dependence upon God. THREE THINGS NECESSARY: Looking
 1. It must be run with a view to the right object: to Jesus
 2. It must be in the right path. Every race track marked.
 3. It must be run in a right manner and spirit. The weight and sin must be laid aside...put away from us. WE MUST NOT
 1. Retain anything that will impede the race for God.
 2. Make a truce with Ganaan-world. Joshua 9:3-15
 3. Plead for a Zoar, city of our own choosing. G.19:17f
 4. We must leave the guilty city, the world, and cast upon it no backward glance. Gen. 19:17-22; NOTE:
 1. Escape for thy life. 2. Look not behind thee.
 3. Neither stay thou in the plain. 4. Escape to the M. LEST THOU BE CONSUMED.

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