

# It's too soon to give up; set some goals and go for it!

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## **Why not just give up?**

- Jesus persevered; consider the cross

**“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”**

Hebrews 12:2

- God's promises are for those who persevere

**“For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.”**

Hebrews 10:36

- Our influence will increase as we persevere

**“Other seed fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great... But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.”**

Luke 8:8,15

**How to avoid giving up?**

**I Cor 9:24-27**

Vs 24 In the race there are winners and losers

Vs 25 Practice self control to win

Vs 25 Think deeply about the prize

Vs 26 Run with aim