

## ***What's in Your Wallet?***

*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, –Hebrews 12:1*

*What's in your wallet?* is a line from a familiar commercial and has nothing to do with Christian living and yet it made me stop and think about the things I carry with me. Are the things in my life assisting in producing the Fruit of the Spirit or are they weights that slow me down.

On the way home from school, a young child was asked to race to the corner. He laid down his books, took his treasures out of his pockets and carefully placed them by his books, took his cap off, and pushed up his sleeves. I am not certain what pushing up his sleeves did but he was determined not have anything keep him from doing his best.

The Christian life is like a race and we need to be like the child who examined his condition and set aside anything that would hinder his running the race. There may be things that are keeping us from doing our best for the Lord. They may be little things in our mind, but they are still sin if they come between us and what God wants us to do.

The commercial for *What's in your wallet?* attempts to persuade you that one credit card will produce the desired results, getting you to throw away your inferior cards and focus on the best card. We need to ask God to help us focus on His best—that which will produce the results He desires in our lives. We need to get rid of those things that have been hindering us from doing what God wants.

*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 sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. –Hebrews 1:2*