INTRODUCTION:
1. E.g. Yard Sale
2. IF one is to walk with God, certain things must be eradicated

I. BEFORE COMING TO CHRIST

A. IGNORANCE OF GOD’S WORD
   1. The disease of ignorance
      a. The people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge -Hos 4:6
      b. Uzzah died for disobedience to God -1Ch 13:7-14
   2. The cure is the word of God -Ro 10:14-17
      a. People cannot believe in what they do not know
      b. Faith only comes through hearing God’s word

B. PRIDE
   1. Naaman -2Ki 5:10-14
      a. He was the commander of the Syrian Army
      b. He was an important man with an incurable disease
      c. Elisha was “the man of God”
      d. Naaman expected a great ceremony for the healing -vs 11
   2. Compare baptism
      a. Sin is an incurable disease of the soul
      b. Baptism puts us in contact with the blood of Jesus!

C. ANYTHING AGAINST THE WORD OF GOD -Mt 7:21-23
   1. Not everyone who calls Jesus “Lord” will be saved
   2. Salvation belongs to those who are obedient to the will of God

II. DURING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

A. LOVE OF THE WORLD -1Jn 2:15-17
   1. God has given man many great things in life to enjoy
   2. Not all things in the world is from the Father
      a. The lust of the flesh, eye, and the pride of life -vs 16
      b. These are of the world which is passing away

B. THE CARES OF THE WORLD -Lk 8:14
   1. The thorns choke out the word of God
   2. The thorns are the cares of the world, riches, and pleasures

CONCLUSION:
1. Lay aside all weight of sin -Hebrews 12:1, 2
2. When we lay these things aside, we can truly run with endurance!