

The Basics

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I. Introduction.

II. The basics are still the basics. (Exodus 34:2)

A. We must not forget to present ourselves before God.

B. We must take care not to lose our passion for basic discipleship tools.

III. The battle is still the battle. (Acts 4)

A. Intimidation, divisiveness and selfishness are constant struggles.

B. We must be close to God when we feel threatened.

C. We are to be perfectly joined together as believers. (I Corinthians 1:10)

D. We must be careful not to be possessed by our possessions.

IV. The race is still the race. (Hebrews 12)

A. We are to be patient with God. (Psalm 89:46)

B. We are to be patient with our co-workers. (Acts 21:17, I Corinthians 9)

C. We need to be patient with our spouses.

D. We need to be patient with our children.

E. We need to be patient with ourselves. We are in the process of being made living sacrifices.

Application questions:

1. What does it look like to present ourselves before God? Explain.

2. Why is it important to recognize that the Christian life is a battle?

3. What does it mean to be patient with ourselves?
