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2) TO rest in the mighty working of God: "Let us labour [make every effort] to enter into that rest" (*Heb. 4:11*).

3) TO firmly hold to our confession of faith in Christ: "Seeing then that we have a great high priest...let us hold fast our profession" (*Heb. 4:14*).

4) TO enter the throne room in order to obtain God's mercy and grace: "Let us come boldly unto the throne of grace" (*Heb. 4:16*).

5) TO go on to maturity: "Leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, **let us** go on unto perfection" (*Heb. 6:1*—"lettuce leaves").

6) TO boldly enter the presence of God based on the blood of Christ: "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith" (*Heb. 10:22*).

7) TO hold unswervingly to a faithful Christ: "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for He is faithful that promised" (*Heb. 10:23*).

8) TO stimulate one another: "Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works" (*Heb. 10:24*).

9) TO lay aside every encumbrance and every sin that hinders us: "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us" (*Heb. 12:1*).

10) TO run the race: "Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus" (*Heb. 12:1-2*).

11) TO serve God: "Let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear" (*Heb. 12:28*).

12) TO be separated unto Christ: "Let us go forth therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach" (*Heb. 13:13*).

13) TO offer sacrifices as believer-priests: "Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His Name" (*Heb. 13:15*).

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