



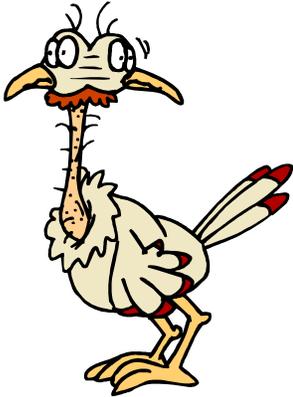
TRAIL TIP:

Don't be running around like a chicken with your head cut off.

Hebrews 12:1

*Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and **let us run with patience the race that is set before us.***

As a kid I heard: *You are running around like a chicken with its head cut off !*



Simply put: Running around without any direction, in a big hurry, and accomplishing nothing is the way a chicken runs around after its head is parted from its body.

That meant something to us that are old enough to remember or perhaps have lived in a third world country or even out on a real working farm. I remember mom ringing a chicken's neck or chopping it off, and having it for supper. Thing is, chickens are wired in a funny sort of way. Even without a head, the body will still run until it drops. Scared us little kids to death; the headless chicken running all over the yard.

Many times especially as young folks we are like that headless chicken:

- Running to and fro [here and there].
- No direction necessarily, just running.
- Involved in MANY activities like sports, music lessons, school activities, & more.
- Busy about many things but accomplishing very little.

Philippians 3:14

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

I Corinthians 9: 24-27

Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

Whatever God has as your assignment for this time in your life; Make sure you are spending your time to count for eternity; not just running around like a chicken with your head cut off.