

Running the Race to Win

In 1 Corinthians 9:24-29 Paul speaks of running the race.

How do you know you have run the race to win?

Are you running the race to reach spiritual maturity?

Hebrews 5:12-14

Hebrews 10:5, 25

Hebrews 6:1

What are the requirements for winning the race?

1. Objective – to do the best you can to glorify God
2. Training – consistent study of God’s Word –
 - a. Holy Spirit – you are in fellowship (1 John 1:9)
 - b. Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16)
 - c. Coach – the Pastor Teacher (1 Peter 1:1-5)
 - d. Runner – believer advancing spiritually (Philippians 2)
3. Discipline – avoid distraction from the enemy
4. Sacrifice – giving up unnecessary things
5. Determination – win at all costs
6. Practice – apply what you learn (1 John 5:16-17)
7. Perseverance – don’t quit
8. Prayer – give thanks for all things (1 Philippians 5:17)

Five Truths and applications:

1. Live a life of meaning and purpose
2. Be vigilant in our spiritual walk (1 Peter 5:8)
3. Set our eyes on the entire prize (Hebrews 12:2)
4. Must work for the good of others (Philippians 2:2-4)
5. Pursue a life of witness for Christ (1 Corinthians 9:24)