

RUNNING TO WIN!

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.

25 Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

26 Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air;

27 but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

Philippians 3:12-14

12 Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,

14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 12:1-3

1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Everybody wants to be a winner! What are the characteristics of a true winner?

Follow the instructions and discover for yourself

Mark *run* including all the synonyms and pronouns that refer to it, such as: ***competes, it, running, press on.***

Reflect: *What motivates someone to run? What is necessary to compete?*

Mark *prize* including all the synonyms and pronouns that refer to it, such as: ***crown.***

Reflect: *According to verse 25 what are the two types of crowns or prizes?*

How should I run in order to get the prize? See verses 24, 25, 26, and 14

Mark *Jesus Christ* including all the synonyms and pronouns that refer to Him such as: ***who, Him, Himself.***

Reflect: *What should I do if I want to be a true winner, to win the prize or the crown that will last forever?*

How can I run without growing weary or losing heart?

It's great to reach your goals – to win the prize.

It's even greater to win the prize of the upward call of God in Jesus Christ.

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