

Running to Win



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²⁴ Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. ²⁵ And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. ²⁶ Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. ²⁷ But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

Parts of a Winning Run

- **Aim for Victory**
 - *Colossians 3:2* “Set your mind on things above...”
 - *Revelation 21:7* One who overcomes shall inherit all things
- **Diligently Train for Victory**
 - *2 Timothy 4:7-8* Required life of consistent running the race
 - *Luke 13:24* Difference between seeking and striving
- **Value of Victory**
 - *2 Peter 3:13-14* We look with longing for home of righteous
 - *1 Corinthians 15:50-56* “Death is swallowed up in victory”
- **Persistence to Victory**
 - *Galatians 5:7* “You ran well. Who hindered you...?”
 - *Philippians 3:14* “I press on toward the goal...”
 - *Hebrews 12:1-2* “Let us run with endurance the race...”
- **Are we running the race to win or just to finish?**