

The Message Notes

Message: *A Soul Winner's Mindset*

Text: I Corinthians 9:24-27 (NLT)

Pastor Keith (January 16, 2022)



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v.24. Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win!

v.25. All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize.

v.26. So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing.

v.27. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.

Talk:

Paul was encouraging the Corinthian believers that following Christ involves eternal rewards for how you pursued Christ.

v.25. All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to **win a prize that will fade away**, but we do it for an **eternal prize**.

As Christ followers, salvation is a gift but rewards come by your efforts and obedience in your walk with Christ. In our text, Paul gives us three disciplines for one who will receive rewards. Let's get into it!

A Soul Winner's Mindset (principles)

P1. I am in it to _____

v.24. Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? **So run to win!**

“You have a **focused** attitude.”

Philippians 3:12-14. I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached **perfection**. But I **press** on to **possess** that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.

No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I **focus on this one thing: Forgetting** the past and **looking** forward to what lies ahead, I **press** on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly **prize** for which God, through Christ Jesus is calling.

P2. I run with _____

v26. So, I run with **purpose** in every step. I am not just shadowboxing.

“You are **intentional** about everything you do.”

P3. I discipline my _____ (self-govern)

v.27. I **discipline** my **body** like an athlete, **training** it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be **disqualified**.

“You are willing to forsake short-term pleasures for long-term eternal prize.”

Hebrews 12:1-2a. Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. (NLT)

- Everything in life is achieved by discipline
- Discipline is forsaking something short term to achieve something that has long term results
- Are you willing to forsake your short-term life to achieve eternal rewards?

You have two choices:

- Victim – someone else fault
- Victor – make the most out of your condition

You are accountable in two ways:

- Reason – explanation of facts
- Excuse – justify your faults

Soul Winner’s Mindset – all the thoughts you hold in your mind are not interested in you. You are interested in the thoughts you hold in your mind. If you cease to be interested in those thoughts, the thoughts will run from you.

Takeaway – A Soul Winner’s **Mindset**

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