

Run to Win: GOING BEYOND THE WALL

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Introduction:

#1, The _____ needed to run

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.

•We're not the same, therefore we can't compete & shouldn't compare

•Winners come from finding & fulfilling their purpose in life

Ephesians 2:

1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins.

4-5 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great Love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ, for by grace you have been saved.

8-9 For by grace you've been saved through faith & that not of yourselves it is the gift of God, not as a result of works that no one should boast.

10-For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Philippians 4:13, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me

Ephesians 3:20, Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works within us

#2, The _____ needed to run

25a-And everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things.

· Tom Landry

"I have a job to do that is not very complicated but often is very difficult. My task is to get a group of men to do what they don't want to do so that they can achieve the one thing they have wanted all of their lives.

#3, The _____ needed to run

25b-They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

2 Corinthians 5:10, For we must all appear before the Judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

•Only two things on earth are eternal: people and God's Word.

#4, The _____ needed to run

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

- Wanting to do everything, we end up good at nothing.
- To Know Christ - to Imitate Christ - to Share Christ.

#5, The _____ needed to run

27a-but I buffet my body and make it my slave,

- Our body is either a tool or a trap
- You will be mastered by your body or you will master it
- Who directs your life? Your cravings or Christ?

#6, The _____ needed to run

27b-lest possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified.

- Soft societies do not produce strong saints

Conclusion: