

# Whatever It Takes: Commit to Spiritual Growth!

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## How Do You Grow Spiritually?

Understand the RACE:

**1 Corinthians 9:24**, *Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.*

- Pursue the PRIZE That Is ALREADY WON

**Philippians 3:12**, *Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

**1 Corinthians 6:19**, ... *You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.*

Follow the REGIMEN:

**1 Corinthians 9:25**, *Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. 26 Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air.*

- Resolute DETERMINATION

**Hebrews 12:1**, *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles...*

- Focused CONCENTRATION

**Hebrews 12:1**, *... And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith...*

- Consistent PERSEVERENCE

**Hebrews 12:2**, *... For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

Accept the CHALLENGE:

**1 Corinthians 9:27**, *No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.*

- Live a Life THAT MATTERS

**1 Corinthians 3:10**, *By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. 11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, 13 their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. 14 If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. 15 If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.*

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