

Keep On Running for God!

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1 Timothy 4:7, ...train yourself to be godly. **8** For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

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. **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. **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.

How To Run For God:

- Run With The Determined Purpose To PLEASE GOD

1 Corinthians 9:26, Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air.

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

- Develop Good Spiritual HABITS

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.

1 Peter 2:1, *Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. 2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.*

- Don't Let Your Emotions Or Circumstances Determine Your Level Of COMMITMENT

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.*

Galatians 6:9, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.*

Hebrews 10:36, *You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised.*

2 Timothy 2:3, *Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.*

- Focus On The Ultimate PRIZE

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.*

Colossians 3:23, *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward...*

Questions For Reflection:

- Do I live a me centered life or a God centered life?
- Do I serve God or expect God to serve me?
- Do I care more about my happiness or my holiness?
- Do I think God owes me or I owe God?
- Do I try to manage my sin or repent of my sins?

- Do I want God to fix all my problems or do I want to fulfill God's purpose in my life regardless of my problems?