



## 2025 For the Win!

Date: January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Text: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

**Passage Summary:** As we press on in what it means to know and follow Jesus at the threshold of a new year, it is essential and insightful to realize that God likens the Christian life to a \_\_\_\_\_ in which we are called to run to \_\_\_\_\_!

**180 Degree Truth #1:** See how God uses the metaphor of a \_\_\_\_\_ in which we are called to run to win as a means to exhort believers to selflessly and sacrificially give their lives for the cause of the \_\_\_\_\_! (9:24-27)

**Application:** Recognize that when it comes to the run to win mentality God is looking for in the lives of those who profess to know and follow Jesus, it requires...

- A \_\_\_\_\_ centered \_\_\_\_\_! (v.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.”*  
**1 Corinthians 9:24**

**Remember:** When it comes to a run to win mentality, it will involve a willingness to lay down our rights and freedoms as the Spirit of God leads, if by doing so we can experience a greater level of \_\_\_\_\_ through the \_\_\_\_\_!

- A steadfast \_\_\_\_\_ to spiritual \_\_\_\_\_! (v.25a)

*“Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training.”*  
**1 Corinthians 9:25a**

**Remember:** When it comes to a run to win mentality, beware of attitudes that would \_\_\_\_\_ our relationship with God to feelings or emotions, or that would lead us to \_\_\_\_\_ commitment for legalism!

- An \_\_\_\_\_! (v.25b)

*“They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.”*

**1 Corinthians 9:25b**

**Remember:** When it comes to a run to win mentality, the pain along the way will be \_\_\_\_\_, but it will also be \_\_\_\_\_; for the believer in the Lord Jesus, the glorious hope of eternal life awaits, and that changes everything!

- A \_\_\_\_\_! (v.26-27)

*“Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.”*

**1 Corinthians 9:26-27**

**Remember:** When it comes to a run to win mentality, it will involve narrowing the \_\_\_\_\_ of our life down to a single goal, and when we do, to make sure it has everything to do with the \_\_\_\_\_!

**Core Conviction to Live By:** Resolutely determine as you stand at the threshold of a new year, that you will not settle for \_\_\_\_\_ in a race God is calling you to run to \_\_\_\_\_, but instead, embrace the Spirit filled conviction embodied through the life and ministry of Jesus, 2025 for the win!

*“I firmly believe that any man’s finest hour, the greatest fulfillment of all that he holds dear, is the moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies on exhausted on the field of battle – victorious.”*

**Vince Lombardi**

*“Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”*

**1 Corinthians 15:58**