

“Our Goal As Believers”

Mission Bible Study

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1 Corinthians 9:24-27

24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that you may obtain

25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air.

27 but I keep under my body and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

LEESON 1: Run to Win the Prize

- ❖ We train ourselves to run the race of life
- ❖ Keep your eyes on Christ – don't get distracted

Philippians 3:13-14

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before.

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

LESSON 2: Focus Your Energy on Christ

- ❖ Focus on your future and not your past
- ❖ Living the Christian life demands focusing on a new way of life
- ❖ Christ promises eternity with Him

1 Timothy 4:7-10

7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.

8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

9 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation.

10 For therefore we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, specially of those that believe.

LESSON 3: Spiritual Exercise Helps You Grow in Faith & Character

- ❖ Just as we exercise physically, Christians should spiritually exercise
- ❖ Growth in faith in God helps us become better Christians
- ❖ Our spiritual growth will attract others to Christ

2 Timothy 4:7-8

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

8 henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not of me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

LESSON 4: Fight the Good Fight to the End

- ❖ Christians should not give up the fight no matter difficult life may become
- ❖ There is victory for those who fight to the end: a heavenly crown.