



## Running for the Prize!

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

### I. Winning Requires Determination - v. 24

The Isthmian Games

RUN!

1 Corinthians 3:10-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10

### II. Winning Requires Discipline - v. 25

Every athlete exercises self-control

In All Things

Galatians 5:19-23

*"Victory depends on the refusal of allowing our eye to wander, our minds to settle, and our affection to run after the things that draw us away from God."*

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### III. Winning Requires Direction - v. 26-27

What did it mean for Paul to run with aim?

- He ran to please the judge, not the crowd (2 Corinthians 5:9).
- He focused on the finish line, not the past (Philippians 3:12-14).
- He focused on winning the lost, not gaining the world (1 Corinthians 9:19)
- He desired to glorify god, and not himself (1 Corinthians 10:31).

A long obedience in the RIGHT direction.

### **Praxis Questions**

1. What does it look like specifically for you to run the race well during this unique season? (thoughts, words, work, home, marriage, children, entertainment, etc.)
2. What hurdles are people facing as they run this race? How can you encourage one another to run the race well in light of these hurdles?