

RUN LIKE YOU WANT TO WIN

GOD'S GRACE FOR AN IMPERFECT CHURCH: A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS · 1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27 · JUNE 30, 2024 · WILL BRANCH

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. (Matthew 16:24)

I. The Race to Run (v. 24)

- A. One Race
- B. One Winner
- C. One Way

II. The Way to Run (v. 26 - 27)

- A. Don't Run Aimless
- B. Don't Fight the Air
- C. Don't Neglect the Real Enemy

III. The Focus (v. 25)

- A. Self Control
- B. An Imperishable Crown
- C. Avoiding Disqualification

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What does it mean to "run in such a way as to get the prize"? How can this apply to our spiritual lives?
2. How do you currently "run" your spiritual race? Are there areas where you could be more intentional?
3. What are some practical ways we can exhibit self-control in our daily lives?
4. How does the concept of an imperishable crown motivate you to pursue spiritual discipline?
5. What distractions or obstacles have you encountered that hinder your focus on running the race of faith?
6. How can we ensure that our efforts in faith are not like "boxing the air" but are purposeful and effective?
7. In what ways can we discipline our bodies and minds to stay focused on our spiritual goals?
8. What steps can we take to avoid spiritual complacency and ensure we do not become disqualified?
9. How can we support and encourage each other in our spiritual races?