

Running to Win

I. Introduction

1 Cor. 9:24 (NASB1995) – “Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.”

II. How Does One Run the Race?

1. The race the Christian runs is fueled by _____
 - i. Because we have been forgiven of much
 - ii. We have been witnesses of the passion of the Lord
 - iii. We will chase after that which we most desire
2. We must diligently _____ and _____ the flames of passion for the Lord
 - i. The flames of our passion can be quenched by:
 1. Tolerating sin
 2. Lack of commitment
 3. Demonic oppression
 4. Undisciplined personal life

III. What About Others in the Race?

1. Christians are called to _____ others *to* Him and *by* Him
 - i. Once we come to a saving knowledge of Christ, there is a life that is to be lived
 - ii. We have been given a mandate to compel others to come to Christ, cooperating with the Holy Spirit as a privilege

2. God is the One who _____ the called

- i. Do not allow self-consciousness to stop you; personal embarrassment should be a privilege if it means someone hears the gospel

IV. What Does God Do Through the Runners?

1. As the Lord builds His Church, His people help _____ culture

- i. A God-honoring culture is possible and has existed throughout history
- ii. No town, city, state, or nation is to left on their own

V. Conclusion

- 1. The Christian life cannot be lived without the heart
- 2. Christians follow Christ and lead others to Him
- 3. Transformation happens one step at a time and one person at a time

Answer Key:

I. Introduction

II. How Does One Run the Race?

1. The race the Christian runs is fueled by **PASSION**
2. We must diligently **STOKE** and **PROTECT** the flames of passion for the Lord

III. What About Others in the Race?

1. Christians are called to **LEAD** others to Him and *by* Him
2. God is the One who **QUALIFIES** the called

IV. What Does God Do Through the Runners?

1. As the Lord builds His Church, His people help **TRANSFORM** culture

V. Conclusion