



# Jubilee

a season of renewal

**“Putting in the Work”**  
**1 Corinthians 9:24-27**



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## **Sermon in a Sentence:**

The life that Christ wants us to have does not just come to us; it must be pursued with discipline.

## **Question:**

What does it take to live a victorious Christian life?

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### **I. The victorious life begins with desire.**

- A. Paul reminded the Corinthians that every runner in a race runs because they desire to win.
- B. As Christians, a victorious life does not simply happen; we have to want it.
- C. Is our heart set on living victoriously for Christ or is it set somewhere else?

### **II. The victorious life comes with discipline.**

- A. Paul explained that the athletes lived with discipline in order to obtain a perishable crown.
- B. Christians should live with discipline, not to earn a crown, but because it has already been won for us.
- C. What does a disciplined Christian life look like?
  - 1. It looks like a real prayer life.
  - 2. It looks like real time in the Word.
  - 3. It looks like a life of intentional witness.
  - 4. It looks like a life of intentional worship.

### **III. The victorious life is more than a display.**

- A. Paul reminded the Corinthians that the victorious life was more than just going through the motions.
- B. We are all guilty of going through the motions, but it should not define our Christian life.
- C. Ask yourself, "Is my Christianity more show or more authenticity?"

### **IV. The victorious life is always in danger.**

- A. Paul reminded the Corinthians that without discipline, he would disqualify his preaching.
- B. As Christians, if our life is not marked by discipline, then we live in danger of disqualifying our witness.
- C. Is there someone that you are in danger of disqualifying your witness because you lack discipline?

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