Introduction:
A. Story from 1968 Mexico City Olympics - John Stephen Akhwani (Tanzanian).
B. No matter how well you ________, they’ll forget you before tomorrow if you don’t __________ well.
C. The Christian life is like a _______ ________ or a ______________.
D. The Christian life is a call to ________________.
E. Before Paul moved into his challenge, he began with a word of ________________.

I. The _______ of a Christian (2:12b)
A. The goal or aim is to _______ ________, you ________________.
B. The verb “work out” carries with it the meaning of “work to ________________.”
C. This aim has implications for both the ________________ and ________________ of our life in Christ.
D. We must strive for growth toward ____________ and ________________.
E. We should work out our salvation with fear and trembling because spiritual things are ____________ business with ____________ consequences.

II. The ____________ of a Christian (2:13)
A. God has promised that He will __________ us carry out His will.
B. Consider the illustration of power ________________ or power ____________.
C. God’s ____________ is available to assist us (Eph. 1:18-19; 3:20; Phil. 4:13).

III. The ____________ of a Christian (2:14-16a)
A. We are called to _______ living in the midst of a crooked and depraved ________.
B. There should be such a _______ contrast between our behavior and the world’s that we stand out like ________ in the universe.
C. With holiness in mind, Paul mentioned two specific actions that are unbecoming for the Christian—______________ and ________________.

IV. The ____________ of a Christian (2:16b-18)
A. There is a twofold joy and assurance that comes to those whose walk is right with God - there is the joy of the “_______ and _____” and the joy of the “_______.”

Conclusion:
A. A story from last summer’s Olympic games in Rio - runners Abbey D’Agostino (USA) and Nikki Hamblin (NZ).
B. I hope this story will inspire us to _______ each other move on toward ________________ of the Christian race - we need each other!