

Running for the Finish Line
1 Corinthians 9:24-27

The NT often uses athletic analogies to describe what it means to be a victorious Christian and a winner in life. And many of those analogies deal with **running a race** (**Hebrews 12:1, 2 Timothy 4:7, Acts 20:24**).

1. The event that he described (24)

A. The eligibility for the race
Philippians 3:20

B. The exhibition of the race

C. The extent of the race

2. The endurance that he demonstrated (25-27a)

A. The intense training (25a)
Luke 9:23

B. The important trophy (25b)

C. The internal trouble (26-27a)

3. The ending that he desired (27b)

A. The declaration of his lips (27b - to preach the gospel)

B. The dread of his life (27b)

C. The delight of his Lord