

The Discipline Required to Win

1 Corinthians 9:24–27

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified. 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

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1. A _____ with Jesus Christ.
2. Confidence that you are _____.
3. A passion for the _____.
4. The discipline to turn away from _____.
5. _____ of _____.

Faithful and Effective Service Requires

- Self-_____
- Self-_____
- Self-_____
- Self-_____

6. The willingness to _____ your _____.
7. A commitment to the _____ of ministry.

For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me. Colossians 1:29 ESV

To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me. Colossians 1:29 NIV

Agōnizomenos: The key is “according to His power.” He “agonizes” by the power of Christ, not his own.

“Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.” Zechariah 4:6

“The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but the victory belongs to the Lord.” Proverbs 21:31

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