

Sequim Community Church
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DEEP INTENTIONALITY
1 Corinthians 9:24-27

INTRODUCTION:

A. Are we maximizing our life or are we wasting our life?

I. IT TAKES A WINNING ATTITUDE

A. Live like we intend to win.

In a race everyone runs, but only one person wins the prize.

So, run your race to win! — I Corinthians 9:24 (New Living Translation)

B. Give our best effort.

Run your best in the race of faith, and win eternal life for yourself; for this is the life that God called you to when you professed your faith before many witnesses.

— I Timothy 6:12 (Today's English Version)

...professing your faith before many witnesses... Paul is talking about *baptism*.

II. IT TAKES DISCIPLINE

A. We need to get into good spiritual shape and stay in shape.

To win the contest you must deny yourself many things that would keep you from doing your best. An athlete goes into strict training just to win a ribbon or medal that won't last, but we do it for an eternal reward that will last forever!...So I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should.

— I Corinthians 9:25 & 27 (NLT)

B. Let God's commands, instructions and suggestions be your "training guide."

If anyone competes as an athlete, one cannot receive the victor's crown unless they compete according to the rules.

— 2 Timothy 2:5 (New American Standard Bible)

III. IT TAKES CONTINUED DAILY FOCUS

A. We need to keep our "eye on the prize."

I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step! I fight to win.

I'm not just shadow-boxing or playing around. — I Corinthians 9:26 (NLT)

- Are you, when it comes to living out your faith in Jesus Christ, just "shadowboxing or playing around?" Some just like to "play church."

CONCLUSION: