

Sermon Notes

The Disciplined Christian & His/Her Prize

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

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There may be Q&A at the end as time allows. So note your questions.

Review of chapters 8 & 9

In deciding what to do, think about how it might affect others, and choose to love other with what you decide to do.

Paul had the right to be supported by the church, but gave up that right for the sake of others, so it wouldn't hinder anyone following Christ.

Paul did all things for the sake of advancing non-Christians and Christians in following Christ. He chose to serve others when making decisions how to behave.

We are to choose our behaviors, not just based on what we can do or want to do, but based on how we might affect other people, Christians and non-Christians. We should choose what will love other people. We should choose what will help them to follow Christ, and not what may cause them trouble following Christ.

Athletic metaphor - it takes hard work, focus, and discipline, including denying themselves certain things. As Christians, we are not to just do what is easy or comfortable for us.

9:24 You-all should live your Christian lives in a manner that you may attain the reward from God.

(Ref.: Ephesians 2:8-10)

As saved people, God has things He wants each of us to do.

9:25 Everyone who competes exercises self-control in all things.

Don't just be like the common person.

9:26-27 Paul wasn't just preaching for others to live this way; he was living this way, not wanting to lose out on his reward.

Look for what God wants, then work hard at doing that.

Discipline

We have to make ourselves do the things God wants us to do.

What is your response to this?

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