

The Race We Run

Everyone should hope to be the best that they can be.

We should strive for mastery of different disciplines in life. Whether it be science, art, literature or just hard work. Those who make it **FAR** in this world are focused on being good at what they do.

We as believers live in a Kingdom that cannot be seen with the natural eye yet is perceived by the soul and spirit.

In this invisible world we categorically and biblically find areas of expertise that enable some to rise above the status of others.

In the realms of God this enables us to be a greater blessing to the people around us.

The more focused and disciplined one becomes in the skills of the Kingdom the more powerful he becomes in his representation of Christ.

We are in a Competition!
We are in a Race

2 Corinthians 8:7

Now as you abound and excel and are at the front in everything--in faith, in expressing yourselves, in knowledge, in all zeal, and in your love for us--[see to it that you come to the front now and] abound and excel in this gracious work [of almsgiving] also.

2 Cor 8:7

*Now as you abound and excel and are **at the front in everything***

Paul always considers this life of faith as a race. He saw the Corinthians in the lead in comparison with the other churches.

We can learn from this perspective.

From Paul's writings we see
Three Things About
Running This Race

#1

All The Runners Run

I Corinthians 9:24

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. ²⁶ Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. ²⁷ No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

***Do you not know that in a
race All The Runners
Run?***

We are all runners in this race
and must see ourselves as such
if we want to develop the right
focus.

When I first got saved I
thought everyone was a
missionary or minister.

#2

The Good Race

Galatians 5:7

*You were **running A GOOD RACE.** Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth?*

Running a Good Race

There are many races taking place in this world but the objectives of such are ill-conceived and miss the mark of God's purposes.

There's good races and there are bad races.

I have seen many friends
running in races for prizes
that are of this world.

#3

The Race

Marked Out for Us

Hebrews 12:1

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and **let***

us run** with perseverance **The Race

***Marked Out For Us.** ² Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Let us run The Race marked out for us

A runner who runs on his own path cannot win the race.

There is a specific course set up for you to run and when you deviate from its parameters you are disqualified from the race.

***There are many paths in life
but God's will is what we
must choose.***

Matthew 7:21

*Not every one that saith unto me, Lord,
Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of
heaven; but he that doeth the will of my
Father who is in heaven.*

We all must choose.

From the very start of my race I
have had opportunities to
change course.

Set Your Pace
Run The Race
See God's Face

The Race We Run

- 1. Do you not know that in a race all the runners run?***
- 2. Running a good race***
- 3. Let us run The Race marked out for us***

