

First Corinthians Nine

In Chapter 9, Paul tells us how he became all things to all people in order to win them for The Gospel. "To the weak I become weak, in order to win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I may by every possible means save some. Now I do all this because of The Gospel, so that I may share in the blessings." (v. 22-23)

We are in the world, but we are not of this world. As Christians, we are here to know Jesus and make Him known by bringing others to Christ and we will do what it takes to make The Gospel known.

"Don't you know that the runners in a stadium all race, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way to win the prize." v. 24

It takes a lot to train for a race. To train well. If you are a runner or know a runner, you know what it takes. A lot of discipline. A lot of training. A lot of hard runs and long workouts. Training requires discipline in what you eat, how much water you drink and every decision you make.

Run in such a way to win the prize. Nobody trains to lose. What would it look like if we in our spiritual walk as well as we trained to win a race? A runner does what it takes to train well for his race. Not to just run the race but to win.

Living our lives to win others for The Gospel takes every decision and every action honoring the Lord and furthering the Kingdom. When we truly know Jesus, we do not want to live for the world. We want to live for Jesus. Living for Jesus brings us closer to Him and brings others closer to Him through our lives and our example of The Gospel.

"You won't run your race living in the addiction or the secret sin you are in. You're not going to finish this run with as hurt and as wounded as you are. We need Jesus to pour the oil. We need Jesus to bring the freedom." - Chad Veach

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In what ways can we become "all things to all people" in order to win the people who are around us over to The Gospel?

What does this look like not becoming like the world and not becoming a stumbling block? Where do we find the balance?

How can we train well for the race to win the prize?

What decisions can we make every day that will lead others to Jesus and win the world for The Gospel?

What addiction or secret sin do you need to confess and ask Jesus for freedom in order that you can run your race well?

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