

B. We are to _____ in a race.
(1 Cor. 9:24-27)

1. Be _____ on the goal

"I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us up to heaven." (Phil. 3:13-14 NLT)

"Run in such a way as to get the prize." (1 Cor. 9:24b)

2. Be _____ in strict training

"All athletes practice strict self-control... I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified." (1 Cor. 9:25, 27 NLT)

3. Be _____ in finishing the race

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Tim. 4:7)

4. Be _____ in heaven

"Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing." (2 Tim. 4:8)



SERMON NOTES

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"The Mission of FLC: Befriend"

1 Corinthians 9:19-27

Paul's Use of His Freedom

¹⁹ Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰ To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹ To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

The Need for Self-Discipline

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 someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. ²⁷ No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

1 Corinthians 9:19-27 (NIV)

Vision: _____

THE VISION OF FLC:

“To be a church of all nations transformed through Faith & Love in Christ.”

Mission: _____

THE MISSION OF FLC:

BE _____ others and love people unconditionally.

BE _____ in Jesus Christ and grow in our belief.

BE _____ to the church family and connect with other believers.

BE _____ more like Jesus daily in attitude & action.

BE _____ to make disciples of all nations.

“BEFRIEND others and love people unconditionally”

*“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”
(Luke 19:10)*

“As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” (John 20:21)

**A. We are to _____
in order to win them to Christ. (1 Cor. 9:19-23)**

1. Be _____ to others

“And if you are asked about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it. But you must do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak evil against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ.” (1 Peter 3:15-16 NLT)

2. Be _____ to others

*“When I am with the Gentiles who do not have the Jewish law, I fit in with them as much as I can... Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone so that I might bring them to Christ.
(1 Cor. 9:21-22 NLT)*

3. Be a _____ to others

“And all of us have had that veil removed so that we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory even more.” (2 Cor. 3:18 NLT)

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds & glorify your Father in heaven.” (Mt. 5:16)