

# How to Achieve Goals

## Olympic Power, part 2

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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. 1

*Corinthians 9:24 (NIV)*

### How to achieve goals

#### 1. Show dedication

A wise youth works hard all summer; a youth who sleeps away the hour of opportunity brings shame. *Proverbs 10:5 (NLT)*

I will search with lanterns in Jerusalem's darkest corners to punish those who sit complacent in their sins. <sup>1</sup>They think the Lord will do nothing to them, either good or bad.

*Zephaniah 1:12 (NLT)*

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us.

*Hebrews 12:1 (NLT)*

#### 2. Create a plan

So I arrived in Jerusalem. Three days later, I slipped out during the night, taking only a few others with me. I had not told anyone about the plans God had put in my heart for Jerusalem.

*Nehemiah 2:11-12 (NLT)*

#### 3. Understand the power of consistency

But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

*Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV)*

#### 4. Expect difficulty and overcome it

But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat.

*Nehemiah 4:9*

*(NIV)*

But from then on, only half my men worked while the other half stood guard with spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail. *Nehemiah 4:16*

*(NLT)*

So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

*1 Corinthians 15:58 (NLT)*