

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

**“For the word of God is living and powerful,
and sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing even to the division of soul and spirit,
and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner
of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”**

(Hebrews 4:12)

“DON'T BE DISQUALIFIED”

(1 Corinthians 9:24–27 Amplified Bible)

24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run (their very best to win), but only one receives the prize? Run (your race) in such a way that you may seize the prize and make it yours!

25 Now every athlete who (goes into training and) competes in the games is disciplined and exercises self-control in all things. They do it to win a crown that withers, but we (do it to receive) an imperishable (crown that cannot wither).

“DON'T BE DISQUALIFIED”

(1 Corinthians 9:24–27 Amplified Bible)

26 Therefore, I do not run without a definite goal; I do not flail around like one beating the air (just shadow boxing).

27 But (like a boxer) I strictly discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached (the gospel) to others, I myself will not somehow be disqualified (as unfit for service).

“DON'T BE DISQUALIFIED”

(1 Corinthians 9:24–27 Amplified Bible)

1. DESTINY *(vv 24b, 25b)*

24b Run (your race) in such a way
that you may seize the prize and make it yours!

25b They do it to win a crown that withers, but we
(do it to receive) an imperishable (crown that cannot wither).

*“I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call
of God in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:14)*

“Prize”

“DON'T BE DISQUALIFIED”

(1 Corinthians 9:24–27 Amplified Bible)

2. DISCIPLINE *(vv 25a, 26, 27a)*

25a Now every athlete who (goes into training and) competes in the games is disciplined and exercises self-control in all things.

26 Therefore, I do not run without a definite goal;
I do not flail around like one beating the air (just shadow boxing).

27a But (like a boxer) I strictly discipline my body
and make it my slave.

“Perseverance”

“DON’T BE DISQUALIFIED”

(1 Corinthians 9:24–27 Amplified Bible)

3. DISQUALIFICATION *(vv 27b)*

27b I strictly discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached (the gospel) to others, I myself will not somehow be disqualified (as unfit for service).

“Pitfall”

“DON'T BE DISQUALIFIED”

(1 Corinthians 9:24–27 Amplified Bible)

1. DESTINY

2. DISCIPLINE

3. DISQUALIFICATION

*“Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace; patience, kindness,
goodness; faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. And those who are
Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”
(Galatians 5:16–25)*