

Discipline to be a Christian

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Introduction

1. 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
2. Discipline is only used one time in the King James Version Job 36:10; 2 times in the New King James Proverbs 15:10; 1 Corinthians 9:27
3. While the word is not used much the idea is, it is the idea of self-control or temperate; training, instruction.
4. While we do have liberty, we do not have the liberty to do anything. 1 Corinthians 9:19-23
5. Let us notice that the Christians is to be discipline while running the race of life

II Discussion

1. Resolve is needed to run this race
 - a. They which run in a race 1 Corinthians 9:24
 - b. We must enter this race.
 - i. Some may think that they have entered the race only to learn later that they were not even in the race. Acts 19:1-7; 18:24-26
 - ii. The correct entry form must be filled out and it must be filled out correctly. Hear, believe, repent, confess, baptized, and live faithfully.
 - c. We must run lawfully 2 Timothy 2:5
 - i. There is a correct way of running the race
- ii. Action is needed to run this race
 - d. So run that ye may obtain 1 Corinthians 9:24
 - e. Proper diet, sleep and exercise must be done and is required to be in superb physical shape for competing in the games Paul witness
 - f. Paul was telling Timothy the correct way to exercise 1 Timothy 4:7-8
 - g. There are some things that need to be put off in order to run correctly in this race Hebrews 12:1-2
- h. Commitment is needed to run this race
 - i. Is temperate in all things 1 Corinthians 9:25
 - j. The training to use the Armor provided Ephesians 6:10-18
 - k. The battle is forward and hard 2 Timothy 2:3-5
- l. Endurance is needed to run this race
 - m. I therefore so run... 1 Corinthians 9:26-27
 - n. We cannot quit nor give up
 - o. We cannot do anything to be disqualified during the race Exodus 32:32-33; 1 Corinthians 10:12; Galatians 5:4; 2 Peter 2:20-22
 - p. We must endure till the end Matthew 24:13; 2 Timothy 2:3, 10; 4:3, 5; James 5:11 (Paul was an example of one who endured all things to have the crown 4:8)

III Conclusion

- a. Some go through all of this for a corruptible crown, we for an incorruptible crown 1 Corinthians 9:25
- b. Are you in the race toward heaven so that you too can receive the crown 2 Timothy 4:8; Revelation 2:10; James 1:12; 1 Peter 5:4; Revelation 3:11
- c. One must run lawfully, are you?
- d. Why not get in the race and stay there for the rest of your life

Sources: Matthew Henry; Thompson chain reference NT with outlines; Wycliffe Commentary; Vine's Dictionary; MSOP 2007