Introduction

- 1. 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
- 2. Some have called life a Rat race
- 3. Paul uses running in a race as in illustration of the Christian life Hebrews 12:1-2
- 4. Let us notice four points about this race today

II Discussion

- 1. We must enter the race 2 Timothy 2:5 NKJV
 - a. Hear Romans 10:17
 - b. Believe Romans 10:9-10
 - c. Repent Acts 11:18
 - d. Confess Romans 10:9-10
 - e. Baptized Galatians 3:26-27
- 2. We must be in control or our self before and during the race verse 25 (temperate) 27
 - a. Philippians 1:27; 3:14
 - b. Weight of Hebrews 12:2
 - c. Working Colossians 1:29
 - d. The tongue James 3:2-12
- 3. We will receive a crown when we finish the race 1 Corinthians 9:25
 - a. This is a crown that will not tarnish!
 - b. Paul is looking for this crown and so can you 2 Timothy 4:8
 - c. If we are faithful we will receive this crown Revelation 2:10
- 4. We do not want to be excluded from the race or the crown
 - a. Romans 16:17-18
 - b. 2 Thessalonians 3:6-7, 14-15
 - c. 1 Corinthians 5:9-11
 - d. Titus 3:10

III Conclusion

- 1. Are you in the race?
- 2. Are you training, disciplining yourself for this race
- 3. What will be your reward at the end of this race
- 4. Will you be disqualified from the race or the crown

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