

Running to Win 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

Main Idea: Paul exercised self-control in his ministry race by accommodating himself to lost people when he could so that he would gain the rewards of ministry without disqualifying being disqualified from receiving them.

I. Paul accommodated himself to lost people so that he could enjoy the rewards of gospel ministry (1 Cor. 9:19-23).

Acts 21:20-26

¹Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not *just* please ourselves.
Romans 15:1 (NASB)

¹And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. ²For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. ³I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, 1 Corinthians 2:1-3 (NASB)

⁹For, I think, God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as men condemned to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. ¹⁰We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are prudent in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are distinguished, but we are without honor. ¹¹To this present hour we are both hungry and thirsty, and are poorly clothed, and are roughly treated, and are homeless;
1 Corinthians 4:9-11 (NASB)

II. Paul exercised self-control in his ministry race so that he would not be disqualified from the rewards of ministry (1 Cor. 9:24-27).

A. You need a passion to win.

B. You need self-control.

C. You need a clear focus or purpose.

D. You have to play by the rules.

III. What does it mean to win the Father race?

A. How do you accommodate yourself to your children?

B. How do you run to win the race?

C. What does winning look like?