- 7. What is always more important than our rights and liberties?
- 8. In chapter 9 Paul presents a powerful example from his own life of doing what?
- 9. It was not out of line for Paul to expect the Corinthians to do what?
- 10. When should we be willing to set aside our rights and Christian liberties?
- 11. What should we put before our liberties and conveniences in life?
- 12. In 9:19-23 we see that Paul was willing to set aside any what?
- 13. Paul's aim or mission in life was to be what?
- 14. What is your aim or mission in life?
- 15. What is one of Paul's favorite ways to depict how the Christian life should be lived?
- 16. How old was Paul when he wrote Philippians 3:10-14?
- 17. How many Christians do you know who are still passionate about spiritual growth when they are in their 60's?
- 18. Are you complacent or satisfied with where you are at spiritually?
- 19. What were some of the intense words Paul used in I Timothy 6:10-12 to help Timothy understand what it takes to be an effective Christian?
- 20. Where do we draw our strength to live the Christian life?
- 21. In 2 Timothy 2:1-7, what three analogies does Paul use to show what is involved in effective Christian living and ministry

- 22. As Paul looked back over his life, he saw his life as a what?
- 23. The writer of Hebrews describes the Christian life like a what?
- 24. What does the Greek word for race tell us about the Christian life?
- 25. According to Hebrew 12:2, where do we need to keep our eyes?
- 26. In I Corinthians 9:24, Paul is not saying that we are in competition with one another, but he is saying to do what?
- 27. Do you take your Christian life seriously? Are you a typical, nonchalant Christian or are you running the race to win?
- 28. Paul makes this comment to shake us out of what?
- 29. Athletes push themselves, train themselves, and deny themselves to win a reward that will one day do what?
- 30. How does the athletic analogy compare to how you live the Christian life?
- 31. Does the way you live your life demonstrate that you believe that how you live has an impact on eternal rewards?
- 32. Both of Paul's illustrations in verse 26 illustrate the importance of what?
- 33. What is your focus, direction, and purpose in life? Really?
- 34. Does living for Christ the way Paul describes mean that you can't enjoy hunting, fishing, gardening, a hobby, recreation, an occupation, etc.?
- 35. What is the enemy that Paul talked about in this passage?
- 36. What are some things that "self" wants to be?

- 37. Paul didn't want to be disqualified and lose his reward, so he did what with his body?
- 38. Do you live a disciplined life or do you find yourself living your life by your feelings and dictates of your body?
- 39. Are you really running to win?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- » How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- » How can I accomplish this change?
- » What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Week:

- 1) Read I Corinthians 1:1-10:6 through at least once this week.
- 2) How important is the past to you? Look at I Corinthians 10:1-14 and see why Paul wrote the things he wrote. What can you learn from the example of the Israelites and what can you avoid by learning these things? What were some of the blessings that Israel had been given?
- 3) Some Christians would say that the Israelites sinned because they had been persecuted for so many years by the Egyptians. In reality, from this text, why did they carry out so many horrendous sins against God? When we sin, what is it that causes us to sin?

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RUN TO WIN! I Corinthians 9:24-27 (Series #35)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "Run To Win!" All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What is the essence of what the "The Deeper Life" movement believes?

- 2. The Christian life is not what when it comes to living it?
- 3. The Deeper Life movement is often expressed in phrases like what?
- 4. Which part of sanctification does I Corinthians 9:24-27 emphasize?
- 5. Review: What were the two different camps in the church at Corinth pertaining to the issue of meat offered to idols?
- 6. Basically, Paul told the spiritually strong believers in Corinth to not exercise their Christian liberty at whose expense?
- **To help protect the quality of recording the sermon, we ask that you quietly turn to the inside of this study guide. Thank you! We appreciate your help.