

*2 Tim 2:5 - If anyone competes as an athlete, he does not win the prize unless he competes according to the rules.*

*Gal 5:7 - You were running well; who hindered you from obeying the truth?*

*Phil 2:16 - ...I did not run in vain.*

*2 Tim 4:7-8 - ...I have finished the course.*

*FATHERS ON A MISSION*

*1 Corinthians 9:24-27*

*9:23 – ...I do all things for the sake of the gospel...*

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*24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all  
run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a  
way that you may win.*

*GARLAND: Christians not only must join the race, but also must put forth every effort to finish it well...they are to run as if winning were not guaranteed with prizes granted to every entrant. They cannot amble nonchalantly around the track and expect some kind of trophy simply for participation. They are to run as if their life depended on it. It does.*

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## II. A COMMITMENT TO PRIORITIES

*25 Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.*

*competes = agonizomai*

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## **II. A COMMITMENT TO PRIORITIES**

*26 Therefore, I run in such a way, as not without  
aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air.*

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*27 But I discipline my body and make it my slave...*

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### III. A COMMITMENT TO FAITHFULNESS

*27... so that, after I have preached to others, I myself  
will not be disqualified.*

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*Too many are casual runners – running when they feel like it. Too many are cautious runners – they think a lot about the race, but they play it safe and hardly get out of the starting blocks. Too many are compromised runners with few convictions, taking no costly stands in life. The Lord wants committed runners.*

*1 Cor 15:58 - ...be steadfast, immovable, always  
abounding in the work of the Lord.*

*Gal 6:9 - ...let us not be weary in well-doing for we  
shall reap if we do not faint.*

*Eph 5:15 - ...redeem the time for the days are evil...*

*Phil 2:12 - ...work out your own salvation with fear  
and trembling.*

*Heb 12:1–2 - 1... let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*