

# In Training for the Kingdom

**1Cor. 9:23-27** I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one.

So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

# The Goal:

To Participate Perfectly in the Blessedness of the  
Eternal Kingdom

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## 1. TO US

**1Cor. 13:12** For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then *we will see face to face*. Now I know only in part; then *I will know fully*, even as I have been fully known.

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### 3. THROUGH US

**2Tim. 2:12** ... if we endure, *we will also reign* with him...

**Rev. 22:5** And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and *they will reign* forever and ever.

**Rev. 5:10** ...you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and *they will reign* on earth.

# The Purpose of the Present:

*To Increasingly Establish the Kingdom of God...*

## 1. TO US: *Decision*

**Rom. 10:13** “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

## 2. IN US: *Discipleship*

**Rom. 8:28** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

**Heb. 12:6** ... for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves...

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**3. THROUGH US: *Expansion***