



Rewarded for living all out to share the gospel

What does the passage say?

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

¹⁹ Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ. ²⁰ When I was with the Jews, I lived like a Jew to bring the Jews to Christ. When I was with those who follow the Jewish law, I too lived under that law. Even though I am not subject to the law, I did this so I could bring to Christ those who are under the law.

²¹ When I am with the Gentiles who do not follow the Jewish law, I too live apart from that law so I can bring them to Christ. But I do not ignore the law of God; I obey the law of Christ.

²² When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. ²³ I do everything to spread the Good News, the gospel and share in its blessings.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

²⁴ Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! ²⁵ All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize.

²⁶ So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. ²⁷ I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should.

Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.

What does the passage mean?

- 1. There is an eternal prize for running the race as a witness for Christ**
- 2. Disciplined training is necessary to win the prize**
- 3. We train in order to run and we run by doing everything we can to bring people to Jesus**

What does the passage mean to me?

- 1. I need to see people as Jesus sees people**
- 2. I need to train myself so I won't be disqualified from receiving the prize**
- 3. I need to do everything I can to help people believe in Jesus**
- 4. I need to live on purpose for eternity**