

Series "Guest Speaker"
"Don't Stop"
Philippians 3:12-16
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Running:

1 Corinthians 9:24

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

Boxing:

1 Corinthians 9:26

Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as *one who* beats the air.

Wrestling:

Ephesians 6:12

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

Philippians 3:4-6

4 though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, *of* the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; 6 concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

Acts 8:1-3

1 Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. 2 And devout men carried Stephen *to his burial*, and made great lamentation over him. 3 As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing *them* to prison.

Philippians 3:7-11

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.

8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

5 Characteristics of an Athlete that is competing.

- 1. Dissatisfied 12-13**
- 2. Dedication 3:13a**
- 3. Direction 3:13b**
- 4. Determined 3:14**
- 5. Disciplined 3:15-16**

Philippians 3:12

Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

1. Dissatisfied 12-13

Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected

Philippians 3:10

that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

TO KNOW HIM

THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION

FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERING

BEING CONFORMED TO HIS DEATH

but I press on,

1 Corinthians 9:24

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

1 Timothy 6:12

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

1 Timothy 6:19

storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

Hebrews 12:23

to the general assembly and church of the firstborn *who are* registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,

that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

Acts 9:1-16

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Philippians 3:13

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,

13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended

2. Devotion 3:13a

but one thing *I do*,

Rich young Ruler:

Mark 10:21

Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me."

Martha

Luke 10:41-42

41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

Blind Man

John 9:25

He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner *or not* I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see."

David

Psalm 27:4

One *thing* I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.

3. Direction 3:13b

forgetting those things which are behind

Luke 9:62

But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

reaching forward to those things which are ahead,

Hebrews 6:1

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

Philippians 3:14

I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

4. Determined 3:14

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1 Corinthians 9:24

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2 Timothy 4:7

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

1 Timothy 4:7-8

7 But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. 8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

Hebrews 3:1

Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

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

25 And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for* an imperishable crown. 26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as *one who* beats the air. 27 But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

Philippians 3:15

Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.

5. Disciplined 3:15-16

2 Timothy 2:5

And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

Matthew 5:48

Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

1 Corinthians 2:6

However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.

Galatians 5:10

I have confidence in you, in the Lord, that you will have no other mind; but he who troubles you shall bear his judgment, whoever he is.

Hosea 6:3

Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter *and* former rain to the earth.

James 1:5

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

Philippians 3:16

Nevertheless, to *the degree* that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.

Galatians 6:16

And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy *be* upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

Romans 12:16

Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

Romans 15:5

Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,

1 Corinthians 9:25

And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for* an imperishable *crown*.

Application:

1. Are we **Dissatisfied** in our current walk with the Lord?
2. Are we **Dedicated** to running this race?
3. Are we being **Directed** by the Lord
4. Are we **Determined** to change?
5. Are we maintaining a level of **Discipline** in our lives?