

I Cor. 9: 24-27

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SUBJECT: The Christians
Runners

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9:26 - no blows of a clumsy fighter that fail to land.
no air-smiter. He plants his blows, every one counts

9:27 $\delta\iota\omega\tau\lambda\acute{\alpha}\zeta\omega$ - $\delta\alpha\omega$ - $\iota\omega\psi$ "to hit under the eye"
"to give a black eye" "bruise of body black and blue"
The practice of the Flagellants of the middle ages, and
similar self-tortures have been justified by this text.
Col. 2:23 against it.

$\delta\omega\upsilon\lambda\alpha\gamma\omega\gamma\tilde{\omega}$ - "lead about as a slave"

$\delta\delta\acute{o}\kappa\iota\mu\omicron\varsigma$ - "worthless," "ignoble." The $\kappa\tilde{\eta}\rho\upsilon\varsigma$ ^(herald) at
the games announced the contest, called out the contestants,
sometimes entered the contest himself. Some teachers of the
law, instead of acting according to the rules, should have
be rejected for transgressing them. His office is purely ministerial,
and it is not of his business if he has broken the rules of the course.

THE PRIZE. 9:24, 25 "prize" "crown?"

Origen asked, just one $\kappa\epsilon$ saved? rest of us lost? No,
for all of us who are in the way of salvation are on body in κ ,
there is a prize for each of the members of the church (the body of κ) - but
the prize not the same in all cases - to each according to his merit.

The prize is not salvation but the worker's reward, the
crown of life (not life itself). Epi. 2:8, 9. The race one of
struggle and endeavor. The $\kappa\tilde{\eta}\rho\upsilon\varsigma$, herald, both judge and
master of ceremony, stood at the end of the course holding the
winner's laurel in his hand. But it was permissible, facing,
with us. Not so the $\kappa\epsilon$ crown of life.

of your Heb. 12:1, 2.

II RUNNING TO WIN

1. Some never try. Make no profession of religion. The man in business tells you that he makes no profession of being honest, you know that he is a confirmed rogue. makes no profession of religion, you know what he is - no love for X, no hope for heaven, nothing to look forward to but death, despair and damnation. the confirmed liar says: "I'm so ready to confess that. Don't find persons in the street willing to confess that they are confirmed drunkards, confirmed whorls... yet hear them confess to great guilt of all." "I make no profession, do not hope to be pardoned, heaven is not for me, no part in inheritance, the X is cast away from me." Hard way, to die without hope. Take that best leap into the dark, a faithful thing. Sink into depths of the night. "Set up the tent within..." 1st Cor 5:6

2. Some never obtain. Start quickly, soon tire. Dig out in the darkness. Like flowers plucked by children, please in ground for a beautiful garden. But no root. with X. Way is rocky, long, straight, left little, root to do, deep out little by little. This is dugged, one foot in front the other, keep on. "And you put down the layers down" it looks like root.

3. Some carry too much of the care, business, interests of the world. The plea of 1st Cor 12:1. So engrossed forget must die. Too burdened to run, carry weight of the world.

4. Some destroyed by lack of discipline.

The spirit of this age: Self-repression, not repression. The new freedom. Follow Christ in power. Break that convention. No Puritanism in man. no Victorianism in man. The result: the sinking of child psychology in the Dallas news; a situation of loneliness, rejection, self-indulgence, man was a riding way to any conspiracy shown in 7 years. a plan.

The discipline of Paul. 9:27 a spiritual fugitive. The adversary is Paul the man, the old nature, human nature carnality. of Paul the X is to win, Paul the nature is to be defeated. of Paul the spiritual is to transcend, Paul the carnal must be put down. Paul the new man in X is made of up Paul the old man in Adams: the body a servant to the new dedication. Not restraint without but constraint within. Not self control but X control.

Leti cor d'okamos. Not lose salvation but his life a casting. Like some preaching self, leader: brilliant, blessed, but failed in self discipline.

III. THE STADIUM SPECTATORS

Heb 12:1 "compared about..."

people, strangers, countrymen, friends, relatives, reject them as.

watching us -

angels

saints

martyrs

loud ones & fly

12 words

everywhere men

Always look to Jesus: forerunner, now before the throne.