

Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! 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. So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. 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.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (NLT)

OUR _____ AT THE FINISH LINE IS DETERMINED BY
OUR _____ IN THE PREPARATION

IF I WANT TO PREPARE WELL FOR THE RACE THAT I'M RUNNING, I'VE GOT TO ...

1. FIND MY _____

... They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize.

1 Corinthians 9:25 (NIV)

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. **Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)**

2. PICK A _____

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. **Galatians 6:9-10 (ESV)**

I want to know Christ--yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death. . . **Philippians 3:10 (NIV)**

Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training... Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air.

1 Corinthians 9:25-26 (NIV)

3. PUSH THROUGH THE _____

No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize. **1 Corinthians 9:27 (NIV)**

4. RUN WITH _____

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. **Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NIV)**