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TODAY: Is it wrong to _____ ?

Paul's Answer

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9:24-10:11 A _____ doesn't
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Idolatry Then & Now

10:12-33 Therefore. . .

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_____ it's found in _____

As followers of Jesus, the purpose of our life is not to see
_____ we can _____ with
and still be Christians, the goal of our life is the
_____ of _____

Memory Verse

"So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."

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MY NEXT STEP IS TO...

- ☐ Respond to the Gospel message and for the first time place my trust in Jesus Christ.
- ☐ Memorize 1 Corinthians 10:12-13
- ☐ Ask God to reveal to me any idols in my life
- ☐ Ask God to show me any areas where I've substituted trying harder for trusting deeper





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Paul's Answer

1 Corinthians 8:1-10:33

8:1-8 An idol is NOTHING
but not everyone KNOWS THAT

8:9-13 LOVE and CONCERN for others
should GUIDE our FREEDOM

9:1-23 Paul applied these PRINCIPLES
to his own MINISTRY

9:24-10:11 A GOOD BEGINNING doesn't
guarantee a GOOD ENDING

Idolatry Then & Now

10:12-33 Therefore. . .

Victory in the Christian life isn't found in TRYING
HARDER it's found in TRUSTING DEEPER

As followers of Jesus, the purpose of our life is not to see
HOW MUCH we can GET AWAY with and still be
Christians, the goal of our life is the GLORY of GOD

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Discussion Questions - Week #9

LIFE GROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the weekend sermon, "Running To Win," summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Do you plan on taking any practical steps this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED

In this weekend's text, Paul encourages us to "run in such a way as to get the prize." If you were to get a prize or trophy for any activity, what would you most likely receive it for?

What would you choose if you could be a professional athlete in any sport?

What is the greatest sports movie of all time?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. The Apostle Paul frequently uses athletic metaphors in his writings. One such example is found in Philippians, where Paul uses the metaphor of a race to describe the process of growth and discipline in himself and his audience. Read Philippians 3:7-17. What is the goal Paul is encouraging us to press on toward?

What does it look like for you to press on toward the goal?

When Paul speaks of pursuing a prize, is he implying that he is earning something through his work? Why or why not?

Who is someone you know who is spiritually mature and bearing fruit in their lives?

What kinds of things did they do to participate with God in the process?

In addition to prayer, list a few specific ways that we can help each other apply Paul's advice.

2. Read 2 Timothy 1:6-14. What stands out to you in this passage?

How do you think we fan into flame the gift of God?

Paul encourages Timothy not to be ashamed of the gospel (v.8). What causes you most often to shrink back rather than share the good news?

How might Paul's words in this section invite greater boldness?

Where does the power Timothy will need to stand firm and endure come from?

What types of things can you do that would help you 'guard the good deposit' God has placed in you (v.14)?

For Practice

While Thanksgiving is past and we are now in the Advent season, consider a gratitude habit this week. Practicing gratitude allows us to acknowledge that life is a blessing and a gift even despite life's difficulties and amidst the pain and brokenness. Recognizing God's goodness and giving thanks in the present fosters hope in the future. Take time at the end of each day this week to reflect on what you are thankful for.

SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for boldness for those in our church family who will extend invites to friends, family, and co-workers this Christmas season. Pray also for receptive hearts in those who receive these invitations, that they would join us and respond positively to the message of the gospel.