

Join the winning team

⁷You were running so well. Who has obstructed you from obeying the truth? ⁸Such persuasion does not come from the One who calls you. ⁹A little leaven works through the whole batch of dough. ¹⁰I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is troubling you will bear the judgment, whoever he may be.

¹¹Now, brethren, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been abolished. ¹²As for those who are agitating you, I wish they would proceed to emasculate themselves!

¹³For you, brethren, were called to freedom; but do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh. Rather, serve one another in love. ¹⁴The entire law is fulfilled in a single decree: "Love your neighbour as yourself." ¹⁵But if you keep on biting and devouring one another, watch out, or you will be consumed by one another.
Galatians 5:7-15

Winners go the distance. 5:7-10

..... to face obstacles. 7
Hebrews 12:1 'Let us... let us...'

..... are often obstacles. 7
Galatians 3:1 'who...'

..... gets you past obstacles. 7
John 8:31-32 'continue in... set you...'

Winners focus on the 5:10-12

Look where you are , not behind 11
Philippians 3:13-14 'forgetting...'

Look to the course, not part. 11
2 Corinthians 5:21 The Gospel
1 Corinthians 1:23

Look from, not at, distractors. 12
Hebrews 12:1-2 'fix our eyes on...'

Winners are players 5:13-15

We the winning team. 13
2 Tim.1:9 'holy', Hebrews 3:1 'Heavenly'

We as a team. 13
2 Corinthians 5:12

We to the winning team. 13

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My prayer priorities for this week

- S 12 Jean H, Church Lunch
- M 13 For God to be glorified, Church Council
- T 14 Paula & Paul
- W 15 Diane J, Home Group at Britton's
- T 16 Joan J. Lyn K
- F 17 Elsie & Bert
- S 18 Karen & Hung
- S 19 Our internet viewers, After-church Go Deeper

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. Would you rather run a sprint, a marathon, or an obstacle course?
2. Do you agree that life is more like an obstacle course than a sprint or a marathon? (Optional and personal: What is the biggest obstacle you have had to overcome in your life?)
3. What are some obstacles that hinder us from "obeying the truth" v7?
4. The cross is not offensive to us, but it is to some, v11. Why would they think the cross is offensive?
5. We are free from religious rules, v13, What are we to do with this freedom; and how are we to do it?
6. How many of the Ten Commandments can you name (Ex.20:2-17)? How can they be fulfilled by a single command (Galatians 5:14)

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