

“Winners?”

Sermon

1 Corinthians 9:16-27

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1) God always wins.

⁷ But you, you are to be feared! Who can stand before you when once your anger is roused? ⁸ From the heavens you uttered judgment; the earth feared and was still, ⁹ when God arose to establish judgment, to save all the humble of the earth. *Psalm 76:7–9*

2) What do we win? Other people !

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. *1 Corinthians 9:19*

3) How do we win? Self-Control .

Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. *1 Corinthians 9:25*

4) How else do we win? Sacrifice .

But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified. *1 Corinthians 9:27*

5) What else do we win? We are not disqualified .

¹⁴ If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

1 Corinthians 3:14–15

6) Why would we want to win in this way?

We follow Christ's example .

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:1