

RUNNING TO WIN
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I Corinthians 9:24-27

**THREE KEYS TO RUNNING A
WINNING RACE**

1. WHO WILL BE MY MASTER?

"...If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me." Luke 9: 23 (NIV)

"...I have been crucified with Christ. I myself no longer live, but Christ lives in me. So I live my life in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:19b-20 (NLT)

Key: Commit to a daily time with God.

"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed." Mark 1:35 (NIV)

2. WHO WILL BE MY MATE?

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh." Genesis 2:24 (NIV)

Two essentials and one recommendation

■ **You must have spiritual compatibility.**

"Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?... What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?" II Corinthians 6:14-15b (NIV)

■ **You must have life purpose compatibility.**

"God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which God planned in advance for us to live our lives doing." Ephesians 2:10 (NCV)

■ **It helps to have personal compatibility.**

"Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction?" Amos 3:3 (NLT)

3. WHAT WILL BE MY MISSION?

"By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter... He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward." Hebrews 11:24, 26 (NIV)

“And He will give you all you need from day to day if you live for Him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.” Matthew 6:33 (NLT)

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)