

Running to Win
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What are the characteristics of those who finish well?

1. They love God more than anyone or anything. Rev 12:11
2. They refuse under any circumstance to jeopardize their relationship with God or disappoint Him.
3. They will not substitute their will for God's will. Rev 14:12

There are many elements to a successful race.

A. The decision to enter the race.

This is a marathon not a sprint.

B. We must enter into training and preparation.

1. We need a coach. Matthew 28:20 Heb 12:2
2. We need a personal trainer. John 14:15-18
3. We need the encouragement of fellow athletes.
Hebrews 12:1

C. We must have a personal strategy based on giftedness.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 2 Timothy 2:1-7

D. We must have an undistracted focus.

1. Heb 12:1-3 Throw off the distractions and focus
2. The determination to win not just the thrill of the race.
2 Timothy 4:6-8 Gal 5:7-8 Acts 20:24

God longs for consistency and predictability in our lives.

Can He count on you?