

RUNNING TO WIN PART 2

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The race reflects “the steadfast endurance of the Christian under the difficulties and tests of the present evil age.”

1 Timothy 6:11 Titus 2:2

Revelation 3:10 2 Timothy 2:12

A. What undermines endurance, persistence, & faithfulness in our lives?

1. A lack of committed love for Christ.
2 Timothy 4:10 Matthew 24:12 2 Timothy 3:1-5
2. Distractions
2 Timothy 2:4 Hebrews 12:1 1 Corinthians 9:27
3. We become lazy.
Hebrews 6:12 Matthew 25:26 Galatians 6:9
4. Unbelief or doubts, discouragement
Hebrews 10:32-36 1 Corinthians 16:13

B. What produces endurance in us?

1. A love for Christ that surpasses all other passions.
Revelation 12:11 2 Corinthians 5:14-15
2. The encouragement of the Scriptures, God’s unwavering promises
Romans 15:1-4 Hebrews 10:35-36 35
3. The encouragement we receive from God
Romans 15:5 Colossians 1:11
4. The encouragement we receive from Christ’s example
2 Thessalonians 3:5 Hebrews 12:3
5. The encouragement from hope
1 Thessalonians 1:3
6. The encouragement we gain through persecution and hardship
Romans 5:3 James 1:3
Revelation 13:10 Revelation 14:11-12