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**I AM THIRD**

# TRUE TO MISSION

1 Corinthians 9:19-27

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**Key Question:**

**What is God's mission for me  
during this season of my life?**



# 1 Corinthians 9

*19 Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible...I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. 23 I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.*



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## Key Thought:

To fulfill your mission, you must  
run and fight to win.



# *1 Corinthians 9:24*

*24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.*









# 1 Corinthians 9:26

*26 Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. 27 No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.*



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Life is not a game, but it is like a game.



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## 1. Focus

*I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. (1 Cor. 9:26)*



# *Galatians 5:7*

*You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth?*



# Run/Fight Like This

1. Focus
2. Hard Work

*Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. (1 Cor. 9:25)*



# *1 Timothy 6:11-12*

*<sup>11</sup> But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith.*



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- We do the training; God does the changing.



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1. Focus
2. Hard Work
3. Endurance



# Hebrews 12:1-2

*... let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.*



# Run/Fight Like This

1. Focus
2. Hard Work
3. Endurance
4. Hope



# *1 Corinthians 9:25*

*25 Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.*



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Miserable or motivated and no one can decide for you.



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