
A Culture Of Confusion: A Study In 1 Corinthians

“Winning”

09-08-24

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Introduction: As we return to 1 Corinthians this morning, Paul has just set himself as a role model.

1. From his example he challenged the Corinthians:
 - To make themselves servants.
 - To adapt their lives to ministry.
2. His motivation was the gospel, he wanted to win people for Christ.
3. It is a very personal text where we get to see Paul’s heart.
4. As we close chapter 9, that continues.
5. Paul wanted to be productive for Christ. In this text he explains how that is possible.
6. He uses the athletic competition of the Isthian games to make his point.
7. In Paul’s mind, winners displayed three important qualities.

I. Concentration (vs. 24)

A. A Question

B. The Challenge

II. Control (vs. 25)

A. Meaning

B. Motivation

III. Commitment

A. Seen In Activity

B. Seen In Outlook

Conclusion:

1. Now, let’s connect last week with this week.
 - Have you made yourself a servant?
 - Are you adapting your life to ministry?
2. If so, you’re on the right track.
3. Success is a process.
 - Requires Concentration
 - Requires Self-control
 - Requires Commitment
4. Will you be a winner for Christ?