

Play to Win – PT III
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1 Tim 4:7-10 (TLB)
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We are winners. However, we can lose if we don't have the right attitude. There is something called a "winning attitude". It is when no matter what the opposition, you see victory. Winners see victory before the game starts. You must consistently remind yourself that you are "more than a conqueror" and know victory is yours. You must run your race.

1. Train to Win –

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

1 Timothy 4:7-10 (TLB) – "...Spend your time and energy in the exercise of keeping spiritually fit." 8 Bodily exercise is all right, but spiritual exercise is much more important and is a tonic for all you do. So exercise yourself spiritually, and practice being a better Christian because that will help you not only now in this life, but in the next life too.

2. Purpose to Win – 1 Cor 9:24 (NIV)

We must know what we are playing for and why.

- a. We know what it takes to win – 2 Cor 9:26 (NIV), Phil 3:13 (NIV), Prov 4:25 (NIV), Isa 43:18 (NIV),
- b. We know to think differently - Acts 20:23-24 (NIV)

3. Run to Win – 1 Corinthians 9:26-27 (NIV), Phil 3:14 (NIV, TLB),

1 Cor 9:26-27 (MSG) "That is the way I run, with a clear goal in mind. That is the way I fight, not like someone shadow boxing. No, I keep on disciplining my body, making it serve me so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not somehow be disqualified."

- a. They shall run and not faint - Isa 40:31 (KJV, AMP, CEV)
- b. They run not to lose, but win – Heb 12:1-2 (NIV)
- c. They run their race – Heb 12:1
- d. They use the right tools – 2 Cor 10:3-4 (MSG, KJV)