

"Living With Purpose" - 1 Cor. 9:19-11:1

Passion - live to win (9:24)

The prize is eternal and deserves full effort, discipline and focus.

There is no such thing as half-hearted believers.

This is the race of your life - how you run guarantees the outcome!

Prize: Heaven - Upward call of God in Christ Jesus (Phil 3:14)

Crown: Righteousness 2 Tim 4:7-8, James 1:12, 1 Peter 5:4, Rev. 2:10, Rev 3:11)

OR Disqualification: (Matt 7:2 2-23, 1 Cor. 9:27, 2 Cor. 13:5)

Train for maximum performance. Live with passionate perseverance.

It's all about discipline, self-control and sacrifice. (Hebrews 12:1-3)

What will maximize my passion and love for God?

(Prayer, scripture, worship, service, fellowship, discipleship, obedience, holiness)

Power - live in Christ's victory (10:13)

Temptation should be expected but deliverance is always available. (Resist and flee). We can't mix the cup of Christ and the cup of demons

Warnings:

- Hanging with God's community doesn't mean you are connected to the source
- Sacred ritual (baptism/Lord's Table) is not a substitute for holy living
- Although Idols are nothing, demons are real!

Choice of Christ or demons?

Who are you entangled with?

Who do you fellowship with?

Who do you submit to?

Don't:	Do:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• be idolaters (10: 7)• engage in immorality (10: 8)• put Christ to the test (10: 9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• take heed (10: 12)• resist/overcome (10: 13)• flee (10: 14)

As we fellowship with Christ and submit to his authority, we are nourished by his strength and receive his power to flee sin and resist temptation

Am I connected to the right power source?

Priority - live for God's glory and the good of others (10:23-24, 31)

As we imitate Christ we bring honour to God and point people to Christ. We don't live for ourselves in our "liberty".

Navigating our Freedom:

- Does it benefit the gospel (9:23)
- Is it helpful? (10:23)
- Does it build up? (10:23)
- Is it for the good of my neighbour? (10:24)

- Does it violate the conscience of the weaker brother who raised the concern? (10:27-29)

Guiding Principles :

- For the glory of God (10:31)
- For the benefit of others (10:33)
- For the building of the kingdom (10:33)

The stronger believer is not required to alter his convictions, but he may need to alter his behavior for the sake of the weaker brother's conscience and God's glory .

Do I imitate Christ in a way that others should imitate me?