

*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. 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. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. 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.*  
1 Corinthians 9:24-27 NIV

**Run with Sacrifice:**

1. Acknowledge God's \_\_\_\_\_.

*Who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.*  
1 Chronicles 29:14 NIV

*Everything we have has come from you, Lord, and we can only give you what is yours already!* 1 Chronicles 29:14 TLB

2. Focus on the \_\_\_\_\_.

*. . . it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.* Hebrews 9:27 NKJV

*So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.* 2 Corinthians 4:18 NIV

3. Realize the \_\_\_\_\_

*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.* Matthew 6:19-21

*And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.* Matthew 19:29-30 NIV

4. Recognize my deep \_\_\_\_\_.

*I am a debtor.* Romans 1:14 NKJV

*For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.*  
2 Corinthians 5:14-15 NIV

5. Remember Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_.

*. . . remember the generosity of Jesus Christ.*  
2 Corinthians 8:9 PH

*We aren't saved from sin's grasp by knowing the commandments of God because we can't and don't keep them, but God put into effect a different plan to save us. He sent his own Son in a human body like ours—except that ours are sinful—and destroyed sin's control over us by giving himself as a sacrifice for our sins.* Romans 8:3 TLB

So brothers and sisters, since God has shown us great mercy . . . offer your lives as a living sacrifice to him . . . Romans 12:1 NCV

*When you think of what He's done for you, is this too much to ask?* Romans 12:1 TLB

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