

A Father Who Wins!

1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Philippians 3:12-14

“Whatever it Takes to Win for My Family”

V24-27: I run and train and compete by God’s rules to _____! The world competes for a crown that will not last. I.e. power, wealth, sensuality, popularity etc. I compete to win a crown that will last _____! Eternal life. I have a purpose and mission in my life that overrides every other goal, mission, or purpose I will ever pursue. Matthew 28:19-20, 1 Corinthians 10:31, Matthew 5:15-16 That is why I _____ my body and make it my _____. That way after I preach to others about how they should live and how they need to follow Christ, I will not become a hypocrite and live an ungodly life and be _____ and not win the prize.

Being a father is also a special God given assignment and challenge that I want to be successful at and _____! The question is then how can we be a good father, and win for our families?

- I. Your wife and family are a _____, not a burden! When you marry you make a sacred covenant between yourself the woman you love and God. You are part of a beautiful ancient plan that God put together and a covenant to keep long before even the Ten Commandments and Moses were established. The role of a man as a servant leader, and his wife and children if he is so blessed to have children, working side by side was God’s plan. So, you are part of something _____ and _____! Genesis... 2:18-25, Proverbs 18:22
- II. No Excuses! No one said being a father or Husband would be easy. In fact, Paul warns us not to marry and stay single if we can do so and stay pure. Not that Paul was against marriage, but he knew how challenging marriage is and the heavy responsibilities a man has when he marries. 1 Corinthians 7:27-34, 1 Timothy 5:8 So know before you get married, that there will be tremendous sacrifices required of you. You have no excuse to bale out just because things get rough.
- III. Follow the example of _____! Love your wife like _____ loved the church. Yes, Christ died for the church. However, it’s not just a onetime act of heroism like in a movie where you die protecting your wife and family. It’s dying to yourself daily in a hundred little ways in order to love and serve your family. Equipping yourself to be the kind of leader God wants you to be. Being a man of prayer, scripture, knowing your wife’s needs, your children, and not just working to provide in material ways but providing in spiritual ways! Ephesians 5:21-33 Yes, every man wants _____ and be thought of as a leader. Jesus said learn to _____ first before you can be a leader. Mark 10:35-45 Women help him to be the leader God has created him to be. Love and respect him, challenge and encourage him, forgive him, show him grace, and pray for him daily. A praying woman is powerful! Be a woman of courage, patience, daring, and faith as you and your husband battle the world together and serve Jesus.

So, let’s do whatever it takes, men! Let’s be the best Father, husband grandfather we can possible be to bring glory to Christ! Let’s serve our families and be the kind of leaders God truly wants us to be. Let’s run the race to WIN! You start by being on the right team and in the right family. By giving your life fully over to Christ and becoming a follower of Christ. Your sins forgiven and a new person. Then you commit to grow in the Lord and to humbly serve Him and your wife and family. Then finally commit yourself to do whatever God asks you to do as the leader of your family. In fact, you can pray that prayer right now in a simple way. “Dear God, I give my live fully over to you please help me to be the kind of Father and husband and leader you want me to be for my family. I will give up anything that will keep me from winning and do anything you ask to win” In Jesus name I pray Amen!

Answers: win, forever, beat, slave, disqualified, win, blessing, noble, holy, Jesus, Christ, respect, serve