

**1 Corinthians 9:24-27, “Daring to Give God My Best”
10-10-21**

Introduction: “Daring Faith” is a two month focus on growing, sowing and going in faith.

Daring Faith Challenge

1. A daring faith goal for growing.
2. A daring faith goal for sowing (generosity)
3. A daring faith goal for going (service)

I. I must decide if I want to be a committed Christian or a casual Christian.

“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.” 1 Corinthians 9:24.

II. I must discipline myself to win

This race is a life long journey.

“Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last.” 1 Corinthians 9:25.

“Command those who are rich in this present world...to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age.” 1 Timothy 6:17-19

“The pain of regret is always greater than the pain of discipline.”

III. I must stay focused on the reward

*“...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, [you are in a race whether you have come to terms with that out or not...it is the race of life.] fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. [In other words, pay attention to how Jesus did it]. *For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.* [He never lost sight of where He was headed – which was a joyful finish with the Father in heaven.] Hebrews 12:1-2.*

“...train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come..” 1 Timothy 4:7-8

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