

**GOING FOR THE GOLD**

Ephesians 2:1-7; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

**The Olympic Gold Medal Passage of Scripture**

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Followers of Jesus Christ already **HAVE THE GOLD**.

**3 Steps in Going for the Gold:**

1. We must **CHOOSE** to pursue the gold.
2. We must be **MOTIVATED** to go after the gold.

We find our **MOTIVATION** in God's abundant **LOVE FOR US**.

*But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions Ephesians 2:4-5*

3. We continually **TRAIN** for the gold.

*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*

Warning! Be aware of the DQ (**DISQUALIFICATION**)!

*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. 2 Corinthians 5:10*

*And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming. 1 John 2:28*

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