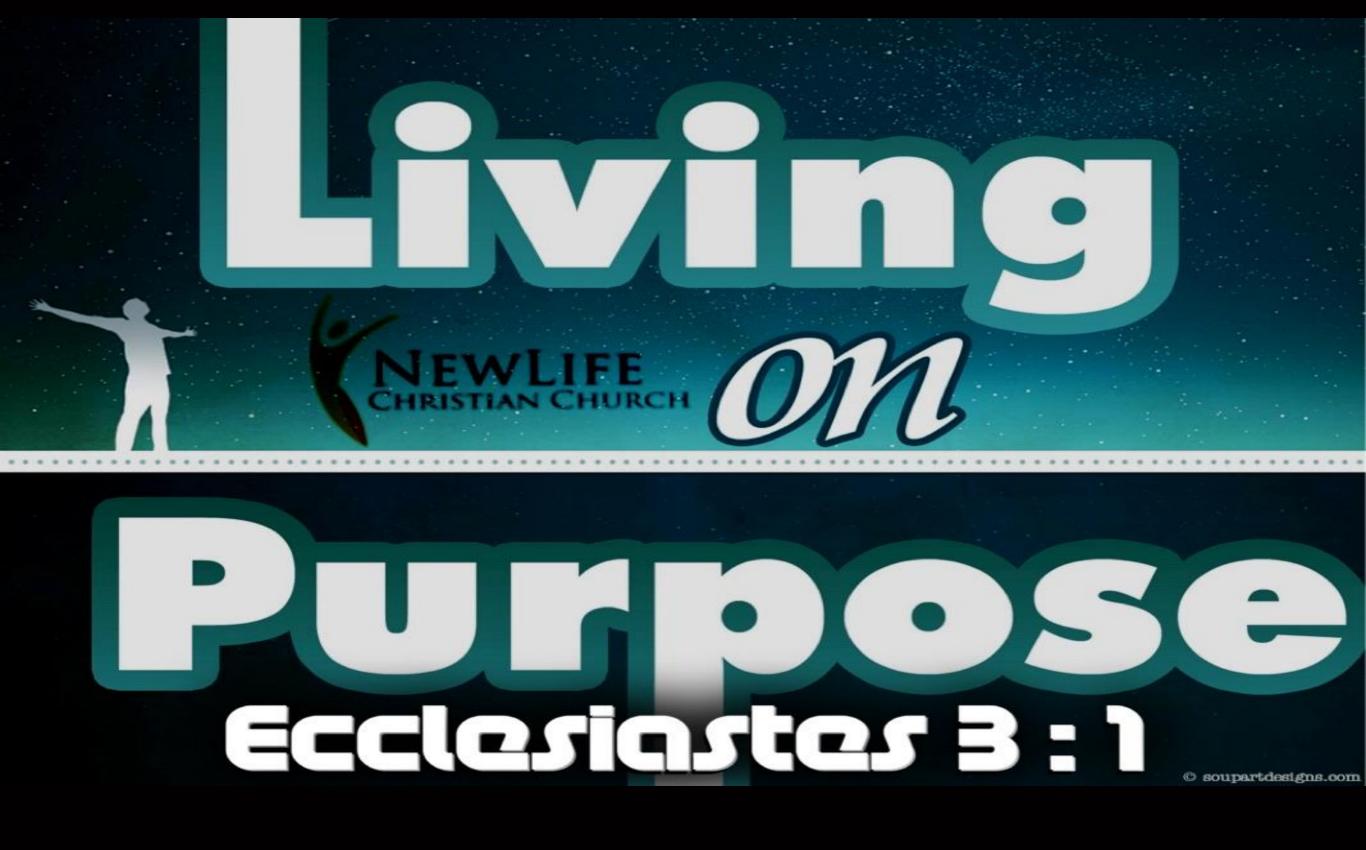
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- * My energy begins to fail me...
- * My fervor fades...
- * My determination gets detoured...
- * My heart gets heavy...
- * My Faith begins to falter...

* My obedience becomes optional and at the end of the day I've become lazy!!!

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

²⁴ Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! ²⁵ All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize.

²⁶ So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing.²⁷ I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.

If you and I are going to Finish Strong we must be willing to receive instruction:

- 1.) "Everyone runs..." Resist The Need To Compare Yourself to Others...
- a. Run your race...
- b. Run all out...

c. Know that we're running before and for an audience of ONE!

2.) "but only one person gets the prize?" Paul asks an interesting question to challenge us I believe to: Release ourselves from unrealistic expectations... 2.) "but only one person gets the prize?" Paul asks an interesting question to challenge us I believe to: Release ourselves from *unrealistic expectations*...

3.) Everyone is running but every one isn't winning "only one person gets the prize?"

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