How Much Self-Control Do You Need To Be A Christian? How Much ... - (# 7) September 20, 2020 <u>TEXT</u>: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 <u>KEY VERSE</u>: 2 Timothy 2:3

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3) _____ The Truth And _____ It.

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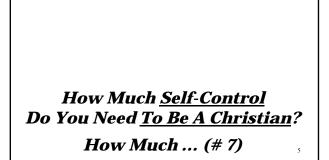
When the devil tempts you to sin, resist him.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:7)

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This race is won when we do what is right, maintain our testimony and obey what the Bible says, even when it is not popular. Your life glorifies God when you allow God to move in every area of your life.

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1) Run To <u>Win</u>.

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Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. (1 Corinthians 9:24)

This Christian Marathon is the only race where you can stop to help people along the way, and still win the race, provided you stay the course.

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Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. (2 Timothy 3:12)

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References

Mark 10:28-30

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. (James 1:12)

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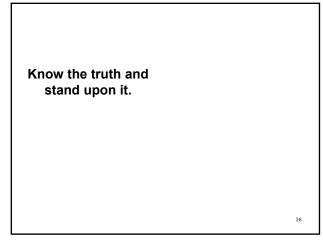
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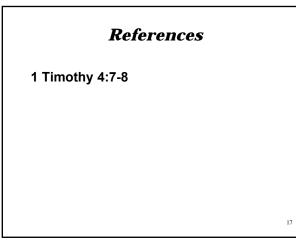
Knowing what God has saved you from, should give you even more of a reason to be a better soldier for Christ than you were for the devil.

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References

Ephesians 6:10-12







And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. (1 Corinthians 9:25)

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You win by living modestly as you run the race.

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Judge me, O LORD;
 for I have walked in mine integrity:

 I have trusted also in the LORD;
 therefore I shall not slide.

 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me;
 try my reins and my heart.

 (Psalm 26:1-2)

Ask God to judge you and correct you here, so you can stand before Him there.

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Keep your tongue.

Don't speak everything you think.

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A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards. (Proverbs 29:11)

Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: (James 1:19)

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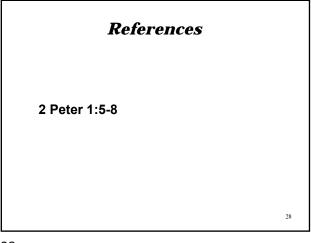
But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. (James 3:8)

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Continue to grow in Christ as you run this race.

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2) Be Temperate In All Things.

3) <u>Preach</u> The Truth And <u>Practice</u> It.

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But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. (1 Corinthians 9:27)

People want help; they want a way out of the trouble they are in.

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Now they are watching you.

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Practice what you preach. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. (James 1:12)

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But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; (Titus 1:8)

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But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. (Romans 7:6)

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But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation. (James 5:12)

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In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. (Psalm 15:4)

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When we are tolerant to the world, we are turning a blind eye to sin.

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The next time someone tells you to be tolerant, tell them that their soul is worth more than your silence.

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He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit. (Proverbs 12:17)

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References

2 Timothy 3:10-11

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Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face. (Psalm 89:14)

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For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. (Psalm 100:5)

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Concluding Scripture:

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. (Psalm 85:10)

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How much self-control do you need to be a Christian?

> Enough to show yourself faithful.

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