



*Declaring, Declining, and
Disciplining*

1 Corinthians 9:16-27



1. Declaring the Gospel

“For when I preach, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel...What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge.”

1 Corinthians 9:16, 18a



2. DECLINING MY RIGHTS

"THOUGH I AM FREE AND BELONG TO NO ONE, I HAVE MADE MYSELF A SLAVE TO EVERYONE, TO WIN AS MANY AS POSSIBLE."

“To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win Jews; to those under the law, like one under the law, - though I myself am not under the law - to win those under the law. To those who are without the law, like one without the law - thought I am not without God’s law but under the law of Christ - to win those without the law. To the weak I became weak, in order to win the weak.”

*“I have become all things to all people, so that I
may by every possible means save some.”*

1 Corinthians 9:22b



*3. DISCIPLINED; AND
QUALIFIED*

“Run in such a way to win the prize.”

1 Cor. 9:24b

3a. The Rules of the Run

- Self-Control (9:25)
 - Purpose (9:26)
- Discipline (9:27)



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Discipline

Greek: υπωπιαζω –
Discipline – put under
strict discipline, to punish,
to treat roughly, to
torment; to give someone a
black eye by striking him in
the face, like a boxer

3b. The Reality of the Runner

“Instead, I discipline my body and bring it under strict control, so that after preaching to others, I myself will not be disqualified.” – 1 Cor. 9:27



3c. The Royal Crown

“Now everyone who competes exercises self-control in everything. They do it to receive a perishable crown, but we an imperishable crown.” 1 Cor. 9:25