



WINNING

DEFINING LIFE'S WIN

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I love to win!

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RIVALRY

You are a competitor.

*You love to **win**, and you hate to **lose**.*

*However, it is not **just winning**,
it is also the **thrill of competing**.*

*Your performance **improves** when there is a **rivalry**.*

*In a close **contest** you become **tireless**
and will **pour** on extra **energy** to win.*

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What's the **win**?

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Where is your **finish line**?

What is your **north star**?

What are your **goal posts**?

What will be your life's **story**?

If you don't **define** the win,
life and those **around** you
will define it **for** you.

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DEFINE **WIGTAKE** TO WIN

You'll **adopt** somebody else's.

You'll settle for **not goals**.

"I'm not going to **be like** that ..."

"I'm not going to **ever do** that ..."

WHAT'S THE **WIN**?

1. **Professionally** (Career)
2. **Financially** (Estate)
3. **Maritally** (Relationship)
4. **Parentally** (Children)
5. **Life Story** (Legacy)

Saul of Tarsus



The Apostle Paul

*For I am the **least** (worthy) of the apostles
and do not even **deserve** to be called an apostle,
because I **persecuted** the church of God.*

*But by the **grace** of God, **I am** what I am,
and his grace to me was not **without effect**.*

*No, I **worked harder** than all of them -
yet **not I**, but the **grace** of God
(His unmerited favor and blessing)
that was **with me**.*

1 Corinthians 15: 9-10 NIV

Then Paul **clarifies** the win
by making his **win statement**.

*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** the Jews.
To those **under the law** I became like one under the law
(though I myself am not under the law),
so as to **win** those under the law.*

1 Corinthians 9: 19-20 NIV

*To those not having the law
I became like one not having the law
(though I am not **free** from **God's law**
but am under **Christ's law**),
so as to **win** those not having the law.
To the **weak** I became weak, to **win** the weak.
I have become **all things to all people**
(I find common ground with everyone)
so that by **all possible means**
I might **save** some (**win** people to **Jesus**).*

1 Corinthians 9: 21-22 NIV

*Do you not know that in a race **all** the runners **run**,
but only **one** gets the (victor's) **prize** (wins)?
Run in such a way to get (**win**) the prize.
Everyone who **competes** in the games
goes into **strict training** (constant self-control).
They do it to get a **crown** (laurel wreath)
that will **not last** (quickly withers),
but **we** do it to get a **crown** that will **last forever**.*

1 Corinthians 9: 24-25 NIV

*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 (subdue) my body
and make it my slave (get it under my control)
so that after I have preached (good news) to others,
I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.*

1 Corinthians 9: 26-27 NIV

WHAT'S YOUR **WIN**?

You only get
one season.

When you win,
the people **closest** to you
win as well.

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Don't **run**
like someone
running **aimlessly**.

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Don't **fight**
like a boxer
beating the **air**.

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Make your **body**
your **slave** so you
are not **disqualified**.

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What's the **win**?

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*For whoever wants to **save** his life
will (eventually) **lose** it,
but whoever **loses** his life
because of me (**Jesus**) will find (**discover**) it.
For what will it benefit (**profit**) someone
if he gains (**wins**) the whole **world**
(i.e., wealth, fame, power, success)
yet **loses** (forfeits) his **life**?
Or what will anyone **give** (pay)
in **exchange** for (to buy back) his **life**?*

Matthew 16: 25-26a CSB

3 QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. Have you ever **trained** for an athletic event in which you had to exercise **discipline** in order to **win**?
2. Read **1 Corinthians 9: 24-27**. How does Paul describe the need for self-discipline in order to win? Is there an **area** of your life in which you are **losing**, and need to apply more **self-discipline** in order to **win**?
3. Is there an **area** of **your life** where a win would also be a **win** for **others** who are close to you? How can that journey to win begin?