

I. HOME STRETCH IN A RELAY

II. RUNNING IN THE BIBLE (see Ps.19:5; 84:7; 119:32; 147:15; Song 1:4; Is.40:31; 55:5; Joel 2:7; Habb.2:2; Mk.9:15(Gen.18:2; 1Sam.3:5; Lk.15:20); Jn.20:4; Acts 8:30; Rom.9:16; 1Cor.9:24f; Gal.2:2; 5:7; Phil.2:16; Heb.12:1)

A. FINISH THE COURSE (2Tm.4:7; see c.4; see Ps.119:32; Acts 20:24,21 (see 13:25,36); 1Cor.9:24; Gal.2:2; 5:7; Phil.2:16)

1. persevering preaching (1-4)
2. instruction & correction (2; see 3:16)
3. sound vs. popular (3,4; see 1Th.2:4)
4. endurance to the end (5-7; see 9-22; see Mt.24:13; Jn.13:1; 1Cor.1:8)
5. full service, including evangelism (7; i.e., course of Gospel, Acts 20:24; lane, 2Cor.10:13-16)
6. confident expectation (i.e., hope, 8; 1Cor.9:25; see 1Pt.1:4)

B. GET THE RIGHT GEAR (Heb.12:1-3; see 1Cor.9:25)

1. you are not yet called to be a spectator! (1, 23)
2. put off the drag of your sin & foolishness (1; see 2Tm.3:6; Is.1:4; see Col.3:9,5f)
3. put on the lift of Christ's righteousness & wisdom (2; see Col.3:10,12f)

C. PRESS ON (Phil.3:12-14; see 15,16; see Heb.12:1; Acts 20:24; 2Tm.4:7)

1. rejecting all distractions (13a, 6(1Tm.1:13)/7f; see 1Cor.9:25; 2Tm.2:4f)
2. stretching, straining (13b); pressing, pursuing, persecuting (14a)
3. striving, agonizing (1Cor.9:25; 2Tm.4:7; see Col.1:29; 4:12; 1Tm.4:10)

D. THE GOAL (Phil.3:14; Heb.12:2; see Mt.24:13; 2Tm.4:7,5; Acts 20:24; 13:25,36; 1Cor.9:26,22f)

E. THE PRIZE (Phil.3:14;8-11; 2Tm.4:8; see Heb.12:2 (Lk.9:26,27 & 32; 22:30); Mt.25:21); 1Th.4:17; 1Jn.3:2)

III. FINISH WELL!

*Brethren, what shall **WE DO?*** (see Acts 2:37f)