

RIPPLE

INFLUENCE **ONE** TO IMPACT **MANY**

MINISTRIES

05:00

1 CORINTHIANS 9 - 13

SCRIPTURE
REFERENCE

WEEK 15

EXCUSE ME

KINGDOM

OR

EMPIRE?

Now everyone who competes exercises self-control in everything. They do it to receive a perishable crown, but we an imperishable crown. So, I do not run like one who runs aimlessly or box like one beating the air. Instead, I discipline my body and bring it under strict control, so that after preaching to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

**SCRIPTURE
REFERENCE**

1 CORINTHIANS 9 v 25 – 27

The Empire teaches us to be selfish and self-serving, to be ruthless and violent to get what we want, and to oppress the poor and vulnerable in our pursuit of our own pleasure. The Kingdom stands in stark contrast to the Empire though. The Kingdom belongs to the poor and they are called blessed (Luke 6:20)

Empires seek to control behavior, while the Kingdom of God seeks to transform lives from the inside out.

SCRIPTURE
REFERENCE

KINGDOM/EMPIRE

The Apostle Paul says ... “***Run in such a way as to get the prize.***” Is that true of the way you are living? Is that your goal? Or are you running just enough to somehow make it to the finish line without any sweat or pain?

SCRIPTURE
REFERENCE

KINGDOM/EMPIRE

How many empires have been built?
How many empires are still standing?

I think we are misunderstanding my questions?

HOW MANY EMPIRES HAVE BEEN BUILT, CALLING
THEMSELVES KINGDOM.

**SCRIPTURE
REFERENCE**

KINGDOM/EMPIRE

Here are three main thoughts for these verses...

1. Race like a champion. (24)

2. Train like a champion with his eye on the prize.
(25)

3. Discipline yourself like a champion who refuses
to lose. (26-27)

**SCRIPTURE
REFERENCE**

PHILIPPIANS 3 v 13 - 15

Brothers and sisters, I do not^[b] consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly^[c] call in Christ Jesus. Therefore, let all of us who are mature think this way. And if you think differently about anything, God will reveal this also to you.

**SCRIPTURE
REFERENCE**

PHILIPPIANS 3 v 13 - 15

“aimlessly” – conveys the idea of being lost as to possessing a reason for doing something – or of where the end result is, or what is the purpose.

“beating the air” – one of two meanings – shadow boxing – or swinging and missing – either works.

“beat my body” – a boxing term – “to give a black eye.”

“make it my slave” – so as to lead it about like a slave.

“preached” – a word meaning the one who heralds... a. the guy who announced the rules of the contest... b. the preaching of the Gospel.

“disqualified” – a word that means “not passing the test.”

NEXT STEPS

- **DISCIPLINE** – Like a Champion
- **TRAIN** – Like a Champion
- **RACE** – Like a Champion

THANK YOU

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FOR JOINING US!