

**The Inside Look at a Minister (Part II):  
Great Discipline Required  
1 Corinthians 09: 24–27**

**1** *He enters the race to run and win*

24 Do you not know  
that in a race all the runners run,  
but only one gets the prize?  
Run in such a way as to get the prize.

**2** *He strenuously disciplines  
and controls himself*

25 Everyone who competes in the games  
goes into strict training.  
They do it to get a crown that will not last;  
but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

**3** *He runs to obtain an incorruptible,  
eternal crown*

**4** *He runs and fights with certainty  
and without distraction*

26 Therefore  
I do not run like a man running aimlessly;  
I do not fight like a man beating the air.

**5** *He masters his own body*

27 No, I beat my body and make it my slave  
so that after I have preached to others,  
I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

**6** *He guards against disqualification*