

The Prize of Self-Denial is Winning the Race of Life

1 Corinthians 9:1-27

Self-denial brings you both burdens and blessings.

**Self-denial is not just for a few select Christians; it is required of all who follow Jesus!
(Matthew 16:24-26)**

Paul's Sacrifice: Paul denied himself (his rights) for the divine commission of preaching the gospel. (1-12a)

Paul's reward – Preaching the gospel to all men. (vs. 19-23)

Principle: The message of the gospel must never change, but the methods must.

Paul was about building bridges, not walls.

Go all out: Paul invested his all serving Jesus. (vs. 24-27)

No disqualifications please. (vs.27)

Conclusion: Are you feeling down? God is with you and God is for you.