



Run the Race Marked Out for You

Part I

Hebrews 12:1 - 2

¹Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and **let us run with endurance the race**

that is set before us, ²looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.



Correct - Right - Biblical
Perspectives
To Run Our Race Well



Importance of Perspectives - Intro - 1

What Do You Focus On ?

**What Do You Pay Attention To ?
eg: The 12 Spies**



Importance of Perspectives - Intro - 1

EG 1 :

Community Service Day (CSD)

EG 2 :

**Development of Self - Work - CG - ...
vis-à-vis Negative Criticisms**



Importance of Perspectives - Intro - 1

EG 3 :

BBTC - What kind of a Local Church?

BBTC - an IDMC -
Building Depth & Extending Breadth

Overcomers - Victorious - Successful - Prosperous



Importance of Perspectives - Intro - 1

BBTC - an Intentional Disciple-Making Church

Wisdom Key

Ephesians 5:15-18 - Redeem Time – Be Wise

Matthew 25 - 10 Virgins - 5 Wise

Matthew 7 - Doers of the Word = Wise
= Build House on Rock



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Wisdom Key

Proverbs 9:10 - Fear of God = Wisdom

Proverbs 11:30 } - Win Souls = Wise
Daniel 12:3 }

Core Values like Proverbs 19:11

Wise to Overlook Offenses -



Importance of Perspectives - Intro - 2

Working
Long Hours

Busy, Busy,
Busy

Too Many
Meetings

Losing
Weight

No
Time

Projects

Bills to Pay

Too Busy

Fear

Anxieties

Serving in Ministry

Balancing Time

Stress

Children
to take
Care of

CGL breathing
down my neck

Grandmother
Hospitalized

Pressures
at work

Coping with Pressure

BBTC IDMC Pressures



Perspectives To Run Our Race Well

**Principles to live
a Victorious Life**



- I. Develop a good sense of the **PURPOSE** of your life.

Hebrews 12:1

... let us run with perseverance
the race marked out for us.

Purpose = **Intentional** = **Deliberate** = **Focus**



1. You must know the purpose for you as a **Person**.
 - ❑ significant - deeply loved by God - special
 - ❑ to be wholesome - spirit - soul - body_
 - ❑ saved, free - no bondages - healthy
 - ❑ victorious – successful – prosperous [no lack]
 - ❑ purposeful - knows where you are going



2. You must know your purpose in marriage :
as a **Spouse** - to be a godly person and
spouse

3. Your purpose in the family:
as a **Parent** - to raise godly offspring



4. Your purpose for **Your Job.**

- ❑ **bread and butter, fulfillment, salt and light**

5. Your purpose for your relationship with **God.**

- ❑ **Our Source of Life - John 6:63**
- ❑ **Spiritual Disciplines to build Faith**
- ❑ **Be in a CG for our journey in Discipleship**
- ❑ **Move from information to transformation**



6. Your purpose for each **Relationship** in your life.
7. Your purpose for each **Activity** and **Event**.
8. Your purpose to be **Healthy** and strong.
9. Your purpose for **Financial** freedom.



II. You must PLAN.

If we fail to plan, we plan to fail.

Luke 14:28 - 32

²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it— ...



Planning is **Thinking** through:-

1. The **issues** of each aspect of our purpose.
2. The **implications** i.e. the outcome and the consequences.
3. The planning takes into account the **season** you are in and the **time-lines** for each plan and goal.



Proverbs 16:1 - 3 (NIV)

¹To man belong the **plans** of the heart,
but from the LORD comes the reply of the tongue.

²All a man's ways seem innocent to him,
but **motives** are weighed by the LORD.

³Commit to the LORD whatever you do,
and your **plans** will succeed.



III. PRAY

Soak everything in your life with prayer.

LORDSHIP issues

Wisdom from the Holy Spirit

- Instruction and Guidance -

for victory, success and prosperity in all we do.



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Proverbs 3:6

In **all** your ways **acknowledge Him**,
and He shall direct your paths.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

pray without ceasing



IV. PRIORITIES

There will be Conflicts and Clashes

Due to the limitations of your

Time

Energy

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Resources

Capacity



IV. PRIORITIES

Ecclesiastes 3:1

To everything there is a **season**,
a **time** for every purpose under heaven

Some people are more important than **other people**

Some things are more important than **other things**



IV. PRIORITIES

You can lose what you want - your purpose - by **misplaced priorities** due to **distractions**.

Studies - Career - Relationships - Spirituality

Set what you value and stick to them!



v. **PREPARE** to work hard.

Ecclesiastes 9:10

Whatever your hand finds to do, **do it with your might**; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.

Working hard means **Pay the price** !

Q: What are you exchanging time & resources for?



1. When we fail to develop and build our significance and self-esteem in the love of the Lord, we will misbehave.
2. When we fail to intentionally, nurture our marriage, the marriage will deteriorate, simply because we are fallen-beings and are full of our selves.



3. When we fail to deliberately parent each child, that child will be left to grow up under the influence of their peers, the internet and other people whom they relate with.

4. When we begin to lose our desire, passion and energy for our work, it is time to re-think and review our stay in that job.



5. When we fail to develop our walk with God through the spiritual disciplines, we will backslide.

Nothing happens by chance.



6. If we fail to bond the important relationships in the Body of Christ e.g. in your CG sub-groups, you will not experience the love of God and the love of brethren/sisters as the Holy Spirit intends for you.

7. When we are tossed to and fro from activities and events without being blessed or being a blessing to others, we are lost!



8. We must look after our physical **health** and pay attention to our diet - nutrition, exercise, rest - sleep and the state of our soul.
9. We must be wise stewards over the **finances** and **resources** that we have and will have vis-à-vis our standard of living.



VI. **PERSEVERE** towards the goals of your purposes.

To persevere suggest there are obstacles to overcome.



Colossians 1:11 (AMP)

[We pray] that you may be invigorated and strengthened with all power according to the might of His glory, **[to exercise]** **every kind of endurance and patience** (perseverance and forbearance) with joy



Hebrews 6:12 (NKJV)

that you do not become sluggish, but imitate
those who through **faith** and
patience - perseverance - endurance
inherit the promises.



CONCLUSION

Jude 24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless - blameless - run race to finish well before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.



CONCLUSION

Do you want to run your race of life well?

You need the Holy Spirit to help you!

Would you give your life to Him?

Would you dedicate and consecrate
your life to do so?