

1 Corinthians Class Schedule

6/26/2016	9:15-23	Paul's Apostleship & Freedom part 2
7/3/2016	9:24-27	Running the Christian Race
7/10/2016	10:1-11	Baptism into Moses & Idolatry
7/17/2016	10:12-22	Temptation & a preview of the Lord's Table
7/24/2016	10:23-33	The principle of Christian Liberty
7/31/2016	11:1-16	Men and Women in the Church
8/7/2016		no class - church campout
8/14/2016	11:17-34	The Lord's Table and some warnings part 1
8/21/2016	11:17-34	The Lord's Table and some warnings part 2
8/28/2016	12:1-11	Spiritual gifts
9/4/2016	12:11-20	The Body of Christ part 1

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Outline (adapted from McCalley)

SURRENDERED LIBERTY *or Clearing the Way for the Gospel*

A. The Single Issue of Surrendered Liberty 9:1-18

1. Paul's Position 9:1-2
2. Paul's Defense 9:3-11
3. Paul's Exception 9:12-15
4. Paul's Pleasure 9:16-18

B. The Multiple Issues of Surrendered Liberty 9:19-27

1. The Principle of my Service 9:19-22
2. The Goal of my Service 9:23
3. The Discipline* of my body in Service 9:24-27

* handle it roughly, discipline it by hardships

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²⁷ but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

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Review of the goal of service from v:23

²³ And I do this for the sake of the good news (the Gospel), in order that I may become a participator in it *and* share in its [blessings along with you]. - Amp

This verse shows that Paul had a single priority in life, and everything else was made to serve that single end. This points to the full and proper use of volition. Paul had the capacity to choose, and his choices were of the highest order in terms of quality. McCalley

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Do you not know – this is something you should know!
see Rom 6:3, 7:1; James 4:4

that those who run in a race all run

Lit: that the ones running in a racecourse all indeed run

a racecourse - stadion - 1. a stadium 2. the length of the Olympic course - about 600 Greek ft. or 1/8 of a Roman mile

all indeed run

all the runners compete (Amp)

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receives – lambanō - to receive what is given or imparted, imposed, to obtain, partake of.

What is “the prize” ?

prize - to assign the prize in a public game. A prize such as a wreath or garland bestowed on victors in the contests of the Greeks (1 Cor. 9:24). Metaphorically, refers to the rewards of virtue in the future life (Phil. 3:14).
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Phil 3:14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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Run in such a way that you may win.

Lit: so run that you may obtain *it*

win(obtain) - katalambanō - properly signifies "to lay hold of" then, "to lay hold of so as to possess as one's own, to appropriate." Vine

see Phil 3:12-13

How is wining different in the Christian life than in an athletic competition?

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Everyone who competes in "the games" exercises self-control in all things

competes - agōnizomai - to contend for victory in the public games. --- to take pains, to wrestle as in an award contest, straining every nerve to the uttermost towards the goal - from which we get the English word "agonizes"

What are some examples of this agonizing for Christ?

see Luke 13:24, Col 1:29, 4:12, 1 Tim 4:10, 6:12

The athletic contest was called the *agon*. This points to the enormous effort that was put forth to win. McCalley

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exercises self-control - enkrateuomai - **en**, "in," **kratos**, "power, strength," lit., "to have power over oneself" in 1 Cor. 9:25, "is temperate" – see 1 Cor 7:9

We also need to exercise self-control. Competitors in the Isthmian Games had to train for 10 months. An athlete in training denies himself or herself many lawful pleasures to gain an extra edge of superiority. Constable

What are some examples of how the Christian exercises self-control?

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The wreath (stephanos crown) called:
perishable - phthartos - subject to corruption, corruptible.
see Rom 1:23, 1 Peter 1:18

The wreath (stephanos crown) called:
imperishable - aphthartos - not liable to corruption or decay, incorruptible
see Rom 1:23, 1 Peter 1:4
1 Cor 15:52

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²⁶ Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air;

Now the comparison switches from running to boxing in this verse

Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim

without aim - uncertainly, irresolutely, without attending to the prescribed marks or lines,

^{26a} As for myself, therefore, I so run, in no uncertain manner. ---- (Wuest)

I box in such a way, as not beating the air;

^{26b} --- I so swing my fists, not as one who, when fighting, misses his opponent, merely beating the air and not striking a straight blow which finds its target. (Wuest)

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but "I" discipline my body and make it my slave

two things Paul is continuously doing in the present

1. discipline - to strike under the eye - hence, to beat the face black and blue (to give a black eye), is used metaphorically, and translated "buffet" in 1 Cor. 9:27 also in Luke 18:5

2. slave - to bring into servitude or subjection (bondage)

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so that, after I have preached to others

so that – with a purpose that

preached - to preach the Gospel as a herald

I myself will not be disqualified

disqualified - signifies not standing the test, rejected

see Gal 2:2

What was Paul concerned about?

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