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"So Run That Ye May
Obtain"

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Scripture Lesson:- 1 Cor.9:16-27.

Text:- 1 Cor.9:24.

Int:* Is the preacher saved by preaching salvation to others? No! No more than the baker is fed by baking bread for others or the physician kept in health by prescribing for others. Paul knew this and set himself to the task of not only making himself entirely the servant of others, but of really living the life of a Christian Apostle as well as performing the functions of one. Temptation doubtless often presented itself for him to rest in name and calling of an apostle as sufficient for the assurance of his personal salvation. This temptation in a different form is common to all Christians-to rest in name Christian without being one in reality.

I. The Warning Based on Two Illustrations.

1. The Isthmian games.
 - a. Celebrated every second year.
 - b. Open to Greeks of pure blood who had done nothing to forfeit citizenship.
 - c. The training.
 - d. The reward.

One received prize.

2. The fathers under Moses.
 - a. All under cloud
 - b. All passed thru sea
 - c. All baptized unto Moses in cloud and sea. All enjoyed outward blessings of God's presence, but only two entered promised land.As in these two instances so in Christian life, not all who enter Christian life win reward because they do not put forth sufficient energy to win.

II. The Two Crowns.

1. Corruptible-subject to decay.
 - a. Honor in a physical event
 - b. Honors of war
 - c. Honors of politics etc.Victory in games incentive of every Greek youth.

2. The ~~Incorruptible~~ crown-not subject to decay. a. To become all God wants us to become
b. To be able to find happiness in goodness.-in fellowship with God, and promoting what Christ lived and died to promote.

III. How Obtain the Crown?

I. Be temperate

Temperance to be effectual must be complete and continuous.

all that lowers tone of Christian living or decreases our Christian energy.

Kingdom First 2. Be decided. *Set as the going some*

"I run not as uncertainly" *where*
Must have definite idea of what God calls

us to. Must be resolved to win and have no thought of defeat.

Paul's mind made up

Tracks in snow show purpose

m 3. Be in earnest.

"So fight I, not as one that beate~~th~~ the air"