

WHY WE DON'T GIVE UP / *1 Corinthians 9:27*

Perseverance, persistence, the prize! Christ never promised us an easy way to live; instead, these verses (9:26-27) remind us that we must have a purpose and a plan because times will be difficult and Satan will attack. We must be diligent, all the while remembering that we never run alone. God keeps his promises.

Reference	The Purpose	The Plan	The Prize
1 Corinthians 9:24-27	Run to get the prize Run straight to the goal	Deny yourself whatever is potentially harmful Discipline your body, training it	A crown that will last forever
Galatians 6:7-10	Don't become weary in doing good Don't get discouraged and give up Do good to everyone	Sow to please the Spirit	Reap eternal life
Ephesians 6:10-20	Put on the full armor of God Pray on all occasions	Use all the pieces of God's armor provided for you	Taking your stand against the devil's schemes
Philippians 3:12-14	Press on toward the day when you will be all God wants you to be	Forget the past, strain toward what is ahead	The prize for which God calls you heavenward
2 Timothy 2:1-13	Entrust these great truths to people who will teach them to others Be strong in Christ's grace, even when your faith is faltering	Endure hardship like a soldier and don't get involved in worldly affairs Follow the Lord's rules, as an athlete must do in order to win Work hard, like a farmer who tends his crops for the harvest	You will live with Christ; you will reign with him He always remains faithful to you and always carries out his promises