

**RED HOT FREEDOM**  
**WEEK 6: COMPETITIONS AND COMPARISONS**

**1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27**

**I. The Idol Meat Dilemma**

- A. Eating in the \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 8:1-10)
- B. Buying meat in the \_\_\_\_\_ ( 1 Corinthians 10:25)
- C. Eating dinner at the \_\_\_\_\_ of friends/neighbors (1 Corinthians 10:27)

<sup>31</sup> So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

<sup>32</sup> Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God— <sup>33</sup> even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved.

—1 Corinthians 10:31-33

**II. The Isthmian Games**



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Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. <sup>25</sup>Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

<sup>26</sup>Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. <sup>27</sup>No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

—1 Corinthians 9:24-27

### III. Paul's Encouragement

A. Run

B. Compete in the games

C. Disqualified

### IV. Our Lives Today

A. What \_\_\_\_\_ are you \_\_\_\_\_?

B. How spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ are you?

- C \_\_\_\_\_
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C. Are you focusing on \_\_\_\_\_?

***"Our greatest fear should not be of failure but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter." —Francis Chan***

### Reminders:

- Cindy's Top Secret Site: <http://www.cindybultema.com/corinth/>
- Cross Handout
- Bookmarks & 1 Corinthians Reading Plan (No new reading; just get caught up ☺)
- Don't forget your Scripture Memory Cards
- Last week: March 8<sup>th</sup>. Get ready to celebrate! ☺