

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE: *A Race to Be Run*

(Hebrews 12:1-2)

- 1. We must qualify in order to be eligible.**
(Rom. 3:23; 2 Cor. 5:21)
- 2. We are part of a team.**
(1 Cor. 12:4-7)
- 3. It requires a great deal of training, self-discipline, and personal sacrifice.**
(Lk. 9:23-24; 1 Cor.9:24-27)
- 4. We have a starting point and a finish line.**
(Mk. 4:14-20)
- 5. We must get rid of unnecessary weight and anything that would hinder doing our best.**
(Heb. 12:1; Rom. 8:13-14; 1 Jo. 1:5-10)
- 6. We have spectators cheering for us as participants.**
(Heb. 12:1)
- 7. We must have endurance in order to complete the race.**
(Heb, 12:1)
- 8. We must keep focused on the goal.**
(Heb.12:2-3; Phil. 3:12-14)
- 9. We anticipate rewards at the completion of the race.**
(Acts 7:55-56; 2 Tim. 4:6-8)