

Bullseye

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Many Christians wrongly believe their occasional good works make God happy and bring Him glory. But God isn't looking for partial servants that partially do His will. God wants completely surrendered servants that do His will completely (Romans 12:1-2). God wants us to live in the center of His will! Today, I am going to show you the #1 reason why Christians do not do the whole will of God.

- **An Olympic archer must do the right things to shoot an arrow into the center of a target.**
- **An Olympic archer must be dedicated and disciplined before he can do the right things.**

An archer must love archery and devote his life to it before he can make the Olympic team. And he must be committed to winning if he is going to earn a gold medal at the Olympics. But dedication must be combined with discipline. For you cannot do anything great without discipline.

- **A Christian must be dedicated and disciplined before he can live in the center of God's will.**

In the last four verses of 1 Corinthians chapter nine, the Apostle Paul compares the Christian life to a race, and he tells us that we must be like an Olympic athlete if we want to do God's will.

"Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified."

1 Corinthians 9:24–27, NLT

1st - Paul says Christians must be dedicated to God before they will do His will.

If you connect what Paul says in verse 24 about *running to win* with what he says in verse 26 about *running every step with purpose*, you will see that Christians must be committed to God before they can do God's will.

2nd - Paul says Christians must have discipline before they can do God's will.

The Greek word translated *discipline* in verses 25 & 27 means "to beat." Paul says he figuratively beats his body into submission every day to get it to do what God wants him to do.

What is the #1 reason Christians do not do God's will?

A Christian that is not dedicated to God will not want to do His will. And a Christian that is undisciplined cannot do God's will.

- **You must be the right person to end up in the right place!**

Some Personal Questions...

Who or what are you dedicated to?

Is your body your slave, or are you a slave to your body?

Does something need to change in you before you can do God's complete will?