

# Rules for the Race

Philippians 3:12-16

Introduction: I Corinthians 9:24 & 14:20

If your part of the growing process is like a race – what are the rules?

## I. Rule # 1 – Don't Think You've Arrived – v12-13.

A. How do you become perfect? – Matthew 5:48

1. Perfect = \_\_\_\_\_.
2. What are God's resources to help you mature in Christ?  
- Ephesians 4:11-13

B. So – Paul P\_\_\_\_\_ O\_\_\_\_\_ after maturity so he could grasp hold of it – v12 & Acts 9:1-19

## II. Rule # 2 – Don't Look Back – v13-14.

A. What did the Lord say about people who look back? – Luke 9:62

B. Paul's example to us:

1. Paul F\_\_\_\_\_ his past experiences – v13.
2. Paul kept the G\_\_\_\_\_ in mind – v14 & Hebrews 12:1-2.
3. God doesn't reserve the prize for a winner, but for everyone who C\_\_\_\_\_ the race.

4. What is your incentive for running?

5. What is the prize?

## III. Rule # 3 – Don't Quit – v15-16.

A. Continue to seek God's direction in your life through the

W\_\_\_\_\_ - v15 & Hebrews 6:1.

1. In Matthew 5:48 the Lord tells you to become mature in your faith.
2. In Hebrews 6:1, you are told H\_\_\_\_\_ to become mature in your faith.
3. In v15 here, tells you to C\_\_\_\_\_ in your spiritual journey.

B. Let your life radiate your maturity in your C\_\_\_\_\_ - v16.

1. It's like pushing upstream against the current.
2. How does this relate to spiritual warfare?

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