

1. The Christian Race. The comparison of the Christian life to a race is appropriate and suggestive:

1. A race has its limitations, so has the Christian life. *Phil. 3:13, 14*

1 Cor. 9:24-27
1. The racer may not run anywhere, but must pursue the course marked out for him. 2 Tim. 2:5 *if any man strive for mastery*

2. A race is characterized by intense activities, so is the Christian life.

1. Even while running we have to battle with our foes and grapple with our difficulties. Here we are admonished to "lay aside":

1. Weights-unlawful.

- 1. The lusts of the flesh.
- 2. The lusts of the eye.
- 3. The pride of life. 1 Jno. 2:16.

2. Weights-lawful.

1. Lawful yet not helpful. Clubs ETC.

3. Sin. Sin of unbelief. Heb. 3:12.

1. The sin of unbelief equivalent to putting of "the old man" with his deceitful deeds and putting on the "new man" created in righteousness. Col. 3:9-10.

3. A race is characterized by brevity, so is the Christian life upon earth. James 4:14; 1 Pet. 1:24; Heb. 9:27.

2. The witnesses, who they are; 3. The agreement of witnesses. *Not like witnesses in a court room - some on one side and some another - all tell the same story*

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