

I Am Free To Serve - Not Forced To Serve

Mutual Blessing - Not Scoring Points

- Some don't know there is a destination other than extinction – Running Aimlessly
- Some think there is a destination, but it is defined by culture or self-determined
- Some reject that there is one way to a finish line beyond death
- Some reject the idea that an eternal God created the race and the course

- Secularism: Survival of the fittest
- Hinduism: Gaining release from karma
- Buddhism: End rebirth cycle by blowing out the
flame of desire
- Islam: Personal Perfectionism
- Christianity: All are sinful, Jesus pays our price
Growing Holiness is from desire not duty

How We Train

- 1) Make Our Body Our Servant
- 2) Proper Nutrition
- 3) In Community

How We Run

- 1) Alongside Others At Their Pace
- 2) Allegiant to God, While Responding To Others

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BDnA3jobv_0

(Start at 13 seconds and run till the end)

Philippians 2:14-18

¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling or arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ¹⁶ as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. ¹⁷ But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. ¹⁸ So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

Why We Run

Hebrews 12:1-3

Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

The Prize Propels

- 1) Train With Purpose
- 2) Run With Purpose