

RUNNING

to

Win



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“holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.”
(Philippians 2:16)



“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.” (2 Timothy 4:7-8)



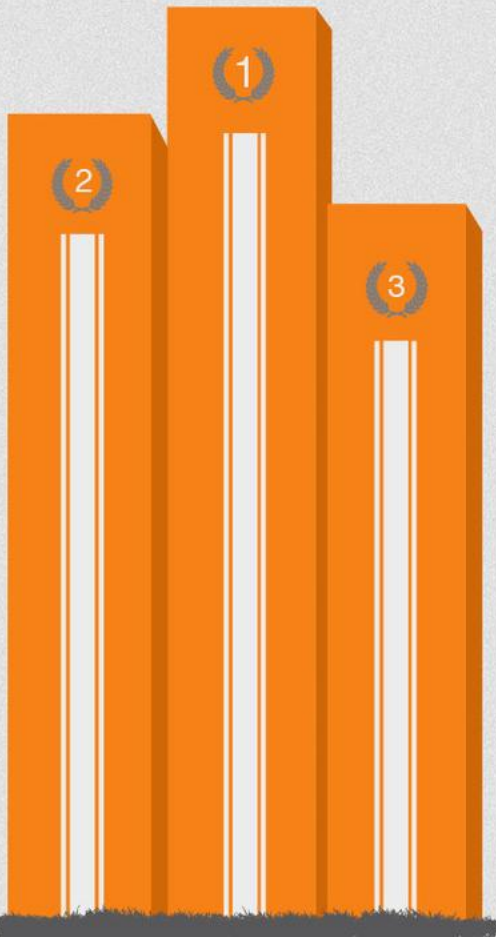
“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”
(Hebrews 12:1-2)



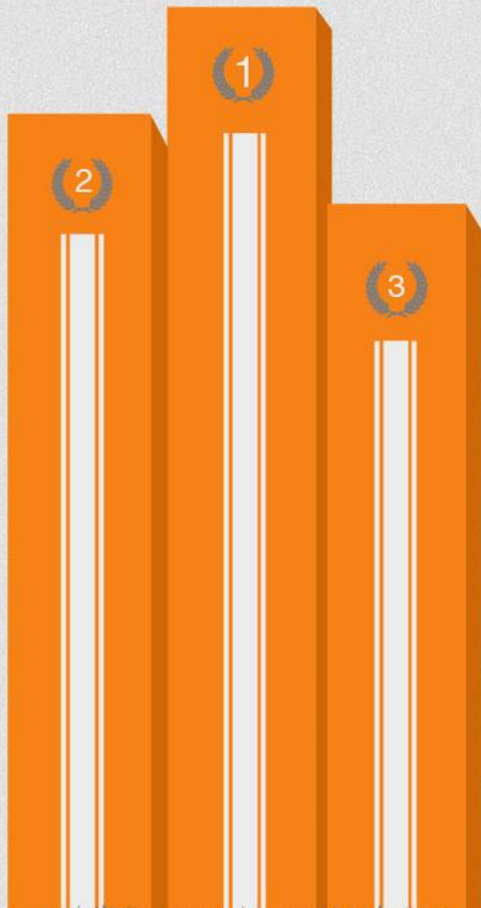
Enjoy the game

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What it takes to win the race of faith



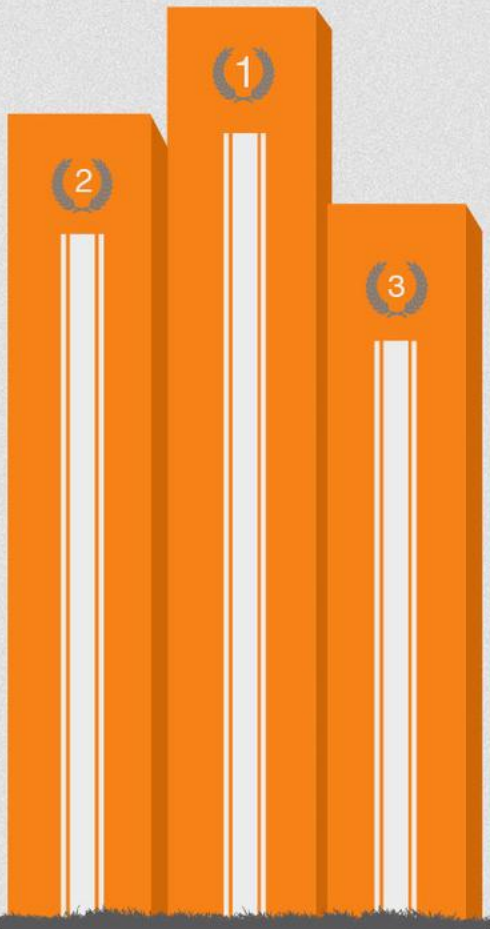
Exercise Discipline



“Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives’ tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. For physical **training** is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come” (1 Tim. 4:7-8)

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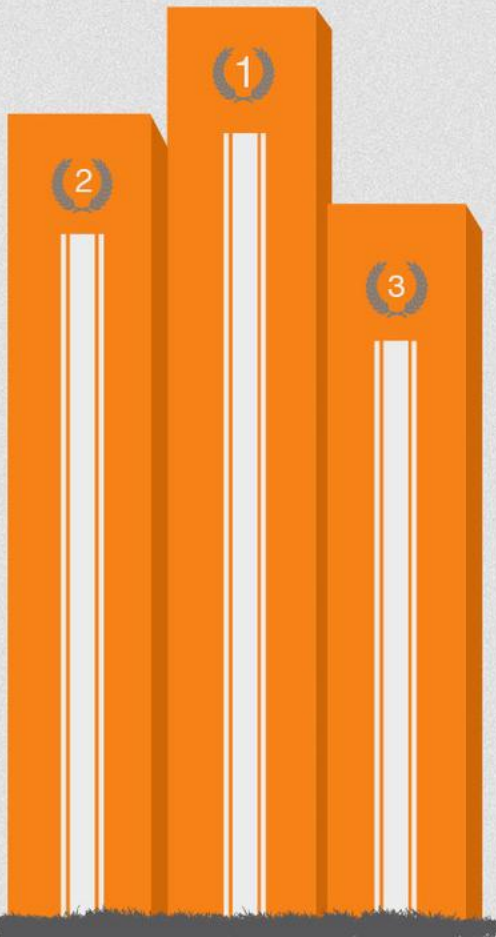
Exercise Discipline



“I **discipline** my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified”
(1 Cor. 9:27)

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Obey the Rules



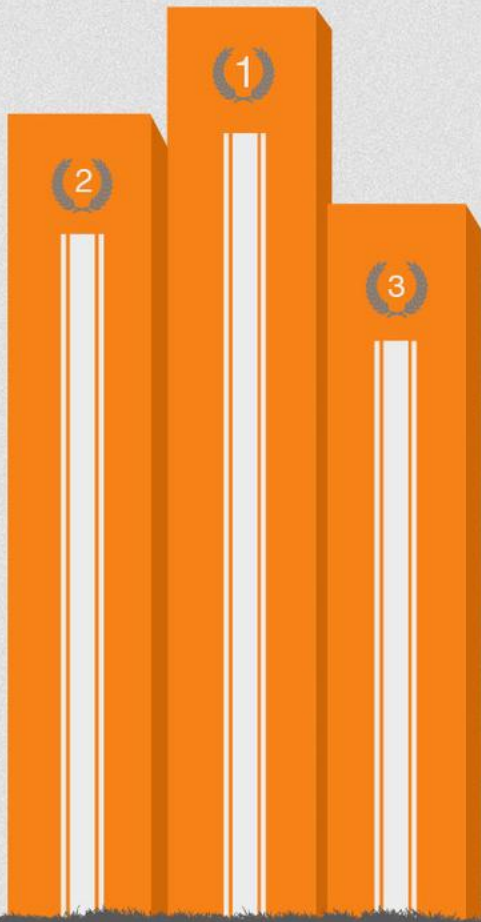
“if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes **according to the rules**” (2 Tim. 2:5)

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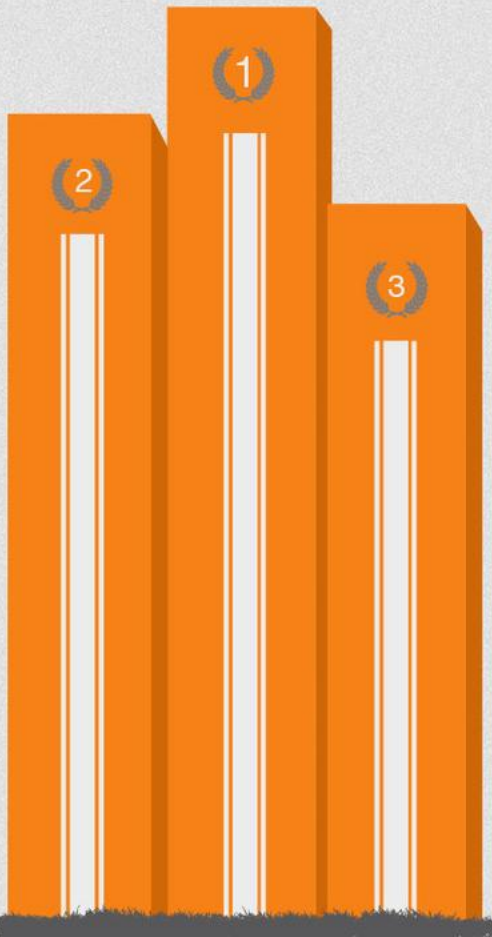
Focus on One Goal

“I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brethren, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But **one thing I do**: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 3:12-14)

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Joy – Discipline – Obedience



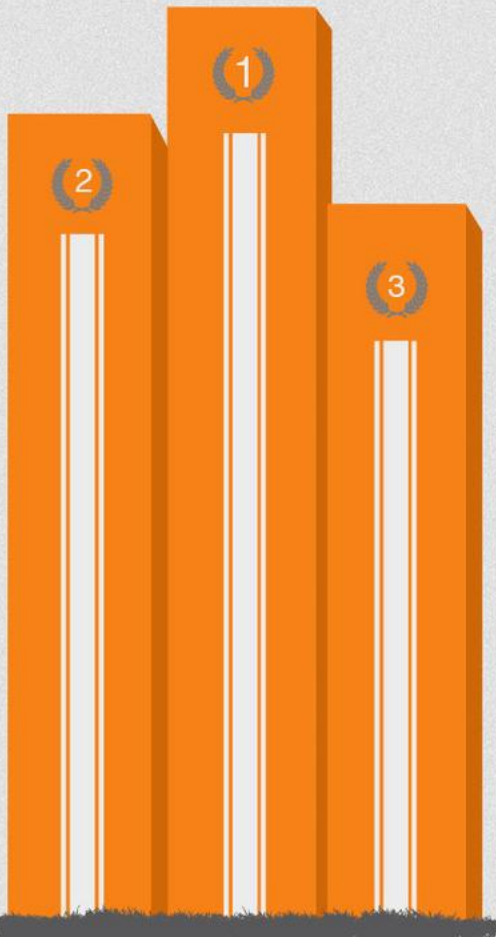
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“Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it”
(1 Cor. 9:24)

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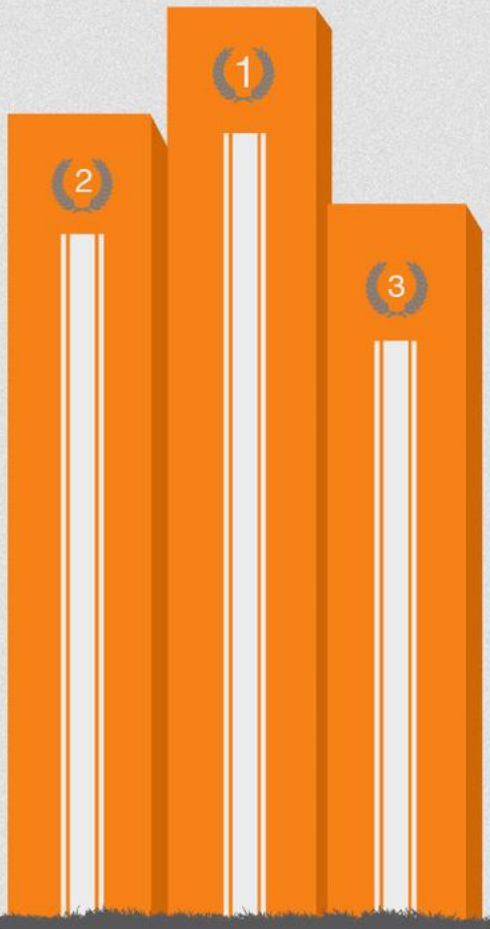
“Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown”
(1 Cor. 9:25)

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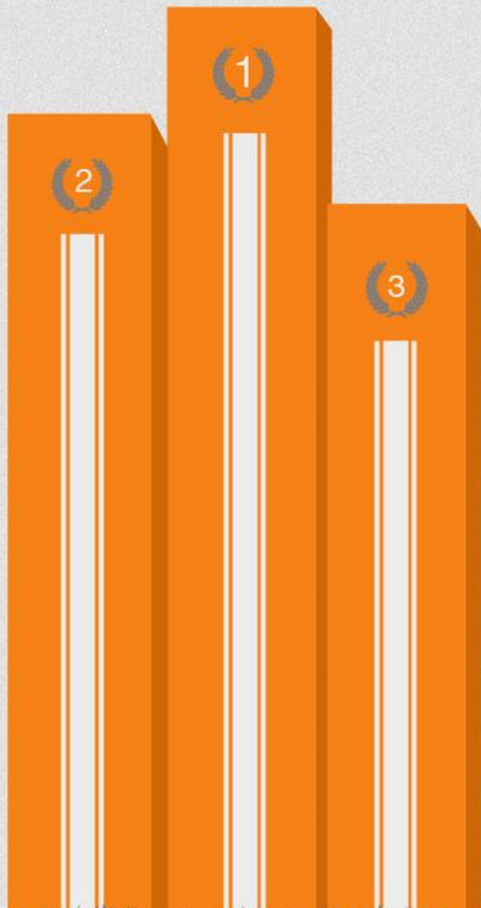
Practice Teamwork

“I want you to know how hard I am **contending** for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally.”
(Col. 2:1)

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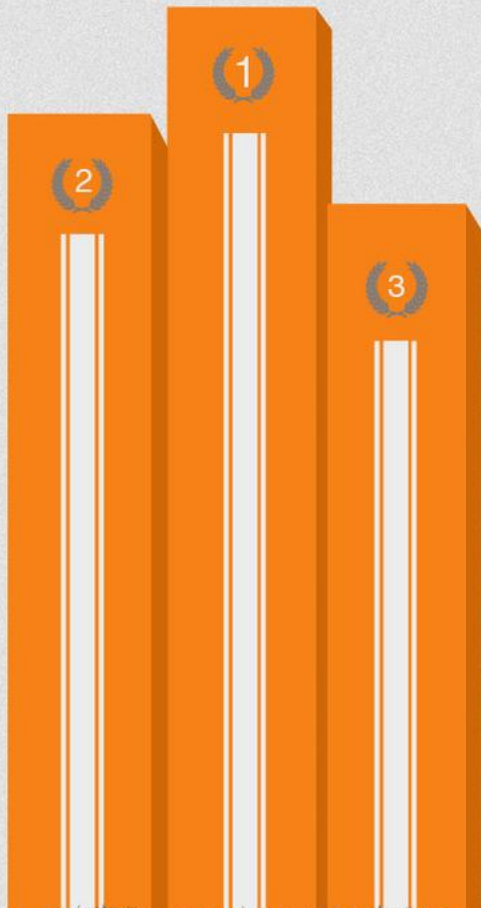
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“Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always **wrestling** in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.” (Col. 4:12)

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“Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.” (Hebrews 12:12-13)

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