What are you prepared to do? ICor.9:19-27

- I. To serve? V.19-23
 - a. The Apostle Paul a hypocrite?
 - i. He would adapt to people
 - b. Reaching people where they are
 - i. Without partaking in sin V.21
 - c. Ministry takes priority Phil.1:15-18
 - i. The Gospel is worthy of any sacrifice
- II. To compete? V.24-26
 - a. Are you committed to <u>run</u>?
 - b. Christianity is NOT a spectator sport
 - i. You have ancestors cheering you
 - ii. Heb.12:1
 - c. There are great prizes to win!
 - d. How do you win? FINISH!
- III. To control yourself V.25-27
 - a. You are an athlete in training
 - i. Eat right, exercise right, a right mind
 - b. "Beat yourself into shape" V.27
 - i. Control your <u>fleshly</u> desires
 - ii. Forgo personal freedoms