

Active Images of the Life of a Disciple

*"Grace is not opposed to Effort; It is opposed to Earning.
Earning is an Attitude; Effort is an Action."* ~Dallas Willard

Acts 20:24 – *Finishing the Course (Curriculum, Mission, Task)*

1 Corinthians 9:24 – *Running the Race to Win*; 9:25 – *Every athlete who competes exercises self-control, strict/disciplined training*; 9:26 – *running hard for the finish line*; *Boxing*; 9:27 – *Discipline my body, make it my slave, keep it under control, in top condition*

Galatians 5:7 – *Running well*

Ephesians 6:12 – *Struggle, Wrestling*

Philippians 2:16 – *Run, Hold Fast, Toil*

Philippians 3:13 – *Straining, Reaching Forward*; 3:14 – *Press on*

Colossians 1:29 – *For this purpose I labor, striving according to His power....*

Colossians 4:12 – *Laboring earnestly for you in his prayers....*

1 Timothy 4:7b-8 – *Discipline, Train, Exercise*;

1 Timothy 6:11 – *Pursue righteousness, godliness... 6:12 – Fight the good fight of faith*

2 Timothy 1:8 – *Suffering for the gospel*

2 Timothy 1:14 – *Guard the good deposit entrusted to you*

2 Timothy 2:2 – *Entrust to faithful ones who will be able to teach others also.*

2 Timothy 2:3-4 – *Soldier (Sacrifice, Commitment, Discipline, & Training)*

"The More We Sweat in Peace, the Less We Bleed in War!" – Navy Seals Commandment

2 Timothy 2:5,6 – *Athletes (Discipline & Training); Farmers (Hard Working, Laboring)*

2 Timothy 2:15 – *A worker rightly handling the word of truth*

2 Timothy 2:22 – *Flee, Run, Pursue*

2 Timothy 3:12 – *All who desire to live a godly life in Christ will be persecuted.*

2 Timothy 4:2 – *Preach, Be Ready, Reprove, Rebuke, Exhort*

2 Timothy 4:5 – *Always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.*

2 Timothy 4:7 – *I have fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith.*

Hebrews 5:14 – *Practice, Trained*

Hebrews 12:1 – *Lay Aside any Hindrances, Run the Race with Endurance*

James 1:12 – *Persevering*

2 Peter 1:5-8 – *Applying All Diligence...*

cf. *"Submitting Our Members to Righteousness"* ~Dallas Willard, [The Spirit of the Disciplines](#)

Jude 3 – *contend earnestly for the faith (fight hard for, defend, exert strenuous intense effort, to agonize -epagōnizomai)*

"If we refuse to practice, it is not God's grace that fails when a crisis comes, but our own nature.... God regenerates us and puts us in contact with all His divine resources, but He cannot make us walk according to His will." ~Oswald Chambers