

SERMON NOTES

Title: Winning the Super Bowl of Life:

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Paul uses athletics as an illustration for how to **be successful in life**.

In I Corinthians 9 Paul shares four prerequisites for successful living.

1. **Desire**. You must want to win.
2. **Direction**. You must focus on a goal.
3. **Discipline**. You must be willing to work.
4. **Determination**. You must never give up.

DESIRE

One thing winning athletes have in common is **passion**.

*“A passionless life is a **wasted** life.”*

God did not put you on this earth just to **survive** He wants you to **thrive**.

Possible reasons why people settle for second place.

1. Because of **guilt** they think, *“I don’t deserve to win.”*

2. Because somebody in their past said, “You’re a **loser**” and they’ve come to believe it.

Other people cannot determine what you do with your life unless you **allow** them to.

3. Because they believe “what will be **will be**”.
- God wants us to use our God-given **desires** for His glory.
4. Because they think that wanting to succeed is being **selfish & unspiritual**.

God’s idea of success is figure out what **He wants you to do** and just do it. *“The Lord is pleased with the success of His servants.”* Psalm 35:27

The tragedy of life for too many people is that settle for **less** than God’s **best**. Every one of us are capable of far more than we **think we are**. *“With God’s power working in us God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine.”* Ephesians 3:20.

Ask, *“What do I **desire** most in life?”*

DIRECTION.

You need a **goal**.

If you’re coasting through life you’re going **down hill**.

“An intelligent man aims at wise actions but a fool starts off in many directions.” Proverbs 17:24

Ask, *“What is the **focus** of my life?”*