

REFLECTION

Lesson 11

Reflecting Perseverance

Philippians 3:12-16

WE ARE ENCOURAGED TO REACH FOR THE PRIZE.

"Never, never, never give up!"

Winston Churchill

A. What are the three **ingredients** we need to "run"?

1. **Concentration**
2. **Rid** ourselves of anything **slowing** us down.
3. Put forth continual **effort**

B. Before winning, we need to take **inventory** of ourselves.

WHAT ARE THE FIVE D'S OF WINNING THE RACE?

A. **Dissatisfaction**

1. He had not **arrived**.
2. He had changed his **perspective**.
3. He is working toward **maturity**.
4. He will **press** on.

"Paul wants to lay hold of what Jesus laid hold of for him."

B. **Devotion**

1. Through **identification**
2. Through **focus**

C. **Direction**

1. "Forget" our **past**
2. Forget our "**success**"
3. Focus on what's **ahead**

D. **Determination**

"A man doesn't become a winning athlete by listening to lectures, watching movies, reading books, or cheering at the games. He becomes a winning athlete by getting into the game and determining to win!"

Warren Wiersbe

1. Two **extremes**
 - a. I must do it **all**.
 - b. God **must** do it.
2. God works **in** us as He works **through** us.

E. **Discipline**

"May we all die running for and with Jesus."

Kent Hughes