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LAST WEEK: RUN TO WIN A LASTING CROWN

1 COR 9:24b-25
Run in such a way as to get the prize. (25) Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.
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Who Has Cut In On You? = Warnings To Last Days Runners
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They Were Running A Good Race -- Something Happened To Slow Them Down, Trip Them Up, and Cause Them To Fall
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1. A REMINDER OF THE GOOD START:

(7) You were running a good race
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2. A CALL FOR A SPECIAL INVESTIGATION WHAT HAPPENED?

(7b) Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth?
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3. FIND THE CULPRIT -- WHO DID IT?

(7b) Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth?
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4. WHERE DID ALL OF THIS TROUBLE COME FROM?

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3 WAYS THAT SATAN IS GOING TO TRY AND CUT IN ON US:

CONDITION #1 IS APATHY

Apathy Is A Lack Of Emotion Or Interest

The Race Is Never Won By The Apathetic
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Apathy = When We No Longer Care:

"I do not believe the greatest threat to our future is from bombs or guided missiles. I don't think our civilization will end that way. I think it will die when we no longer care.

Lawrence Gould
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A Survey Of Voting Habits In An Area Of Chicago Some Two Decades Ago Showed:
- 99% of the tavern keepers voted.
- 97.5% of the gamblers and their employees voted.
- Only 29% of CHRISTIAN PROTESTANTS VOTED

“This civilization died because it didn't want to be bothered."
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Apathy Describes The Last Days Church Of Laodicea

Revelation 3:14-22 (NIV) (14) "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. (15) I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! (16) So, because you are lukewarm--neither hot nor cold--I am about to spit you out of my mouth. (17) You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked."
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(18) I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

(19) Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent.

(20) Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

(21) To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.

(22) He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."
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Hebrews 6:12 (NIV) (12) We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

DON’T LET APATHY CUT IN ON YOU
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**CONDITION #2 PRIDE**

- **PRIDE’S SOURCE IS SATAN**

- **Pride Goes Before Destruction – It Trips Us Up In Our Race**
  - Pharaoh, Goliath, Nebuchadnezzar, Haman, Lucifer, & Israel
  - Allowed Pride To Cut In On Their Race.

- **Proverbs 16:5 (NIV)**  
  (5) The LORD detests all the proud of heart.  
  Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished
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WHAT IS THE ANTIDOTE FOR PRIDE?

It Is Holiness – Brokenness -- Humility

- **James 4:6 (NIV)** (6) But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

- **1 Peter 5:6 (NIV)** (6) Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.
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**CONDITION #3 DELAYED DREAMS**

- **God’s Delays Are Not Denials, we Must Learn To Wait On The Lord**

- **Joseph Had A Dream: He Was Thrown In A Pit, Sold Into Slavery, He Ended Up In Prison On Trumped Up Charges -- Yet In All That He Held On To This Dream**

- **Hold On To Your Dream When It Is From God -- Because God Can And Will Do Awesome Things**
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THOSE THAT WAIT, WILL RECEIVE WHAT HAS BEEN PROMISED!

Hebrews 10:35-36 (NIV)  
35 So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.  
36 You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

Psalm 40:1 (NIV)  
1 I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.

Isaiah 30:18 (NIV)  
18 Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!
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Lamentations 3:25 (NKJV)  

25 The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, To the soul who seeks Him.

- Get Back To God First In Everything!
- Don’t Pull Away From God – Press Into Him!
- Let God Rekindle That Dream That He’s Given
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GOD WILL COME THROUGH

▪ He's got this
▪ His timing is impeccable
▪ These are times to stretch and grow
▪ GOD’S DELAYS ARE NOT DENIALS
▪ FINISH THE RACE IN VICTORY!