

THE BIGGEST LOSER Part 2

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1 Corinthians 9:24-27--Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. 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. Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

Weights We Need to Lose from Last Week:

1. _____, and be confident in who God made you.
2. _____, and forgive those who have wronged us.
3. _____, and have a change of lifestyle.

Weights We Need to Lose

1. _____; have a Christ-like _____.

Ephesians 4:20-24--You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

**2. _____; _____
God's plan for your _____.**

2 Myths (That Sound a Little Like Truths)

1. You will be _____ with another _____.
Luke 12:15--Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.
2. You can do whatever you _____ with your money.
Psalms 24:1--The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.
Haggai 2:8--"The silver is mine and the gold is mine," declares the Lord Almighty.
1 Chronicles 29:13,14(NLT)--O our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name! But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us!

4 Steps to Lose the Weight of Debt

1. _____ to _____ first.
Malachi 3:10--Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.
2. _____ to debt-free _____.
3. Set up a _____.
Proverbs 21:20--...stupid people spend their money as fast as they get it."
4. Save for the _____ and save for _____.

3. The _____; _____ on what God has in _____ for you.

Isaiah 43:18--Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. .
2. Review the points and verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this teaching?
3. .
4. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.