

**Training**  
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**What disqualifies people in life?**

- Cheating
- Laziness
- Ignoring the rules

**Everybody wants their time on earth to matter**

*1 Corinthians 9:26–27 That is why I run straight for the finish line; that is why I am like a boxer who does not waste his punches. <sup>27</sup> I harden my body with blows and bring it under complete control, to keep myself from being disqualified after having called others to the contest. GNT*

**God made us and wants to give us purpose**

**The Good News of the Gospel**

- **God made us so it's right to do what He wants**

*Revelation 4:11 "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created." (ESV)*

- **Instead of obeying God, every one of us has rebelled**

*Romans 5:8 But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (ESV)*

- **He sent His Son to redeem us, which means to buy us back**

*John 3:16–17 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. (ESV)*

- **Every person on earth has a choice to follow God or not**

*Romans 10:9–10 (ESV) Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.*

## God's Great Guidelines for His People

### 1. The Great Mandate

*Genesis 1:27-28 So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. <sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ESV*

**The Great Mandate: Multiply and develop families, societies, cultures, technology and bring the earth under control.**

### 2. The Great Commandment

*Matthew 22:37-40 And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." ESV*

### 3. The Great Commission

*Matthew 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." ESV*

### 4. The Great Purpose

*1 Corinthians 10:31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. ESV*

## 4 Resources God Uses to Grow Christ Followers

1. Getting into the Word of God
2. Praying to God
3. A church community
4. Serving in ministry

*1 Timothy 4:7-8 Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; <sup>8</sup> for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. (ESV)*

## My next step today is to...

- ☐ Decide to follow Christ today
- ☐ Get involved in CIV