



Reaching the World For Christ

Assurance

Making our Calling and Election Sure: Part 4

2 Peter 1:10

Biblical assurance comes when we make every effort to gain and maintain a full supply of these qualities and lay them alongside the full supply of God's gracious provision that we receive by faith.

1 Cor 9:24-27

Matt 7:13-14 *"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. 14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.*

Matt 22:14 *For many are called, but few are chosen.*

Luke 13:23-24 *And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able*

Heb 12:1-2 *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Discipline here literally means to hit under the eye.

Keep it under control literally means, make it my slave.

"Most people including many Christians, are instead slaves to their bodies. Their bodies tell their minds what to do. Their bodies decide when to eat, what to eat, how much to eat, when to sleep and get up, and so on. An athlete cannot allow that. He follows the training rules, not his body. He runs when he would rather be resting, he eats a balanced meal when he would rather have a chocolate sundae, he goes to bed when he would rather stay up and he gets up early to train when he would rather stay in bed. An athlete leads his body; he does not follow it. It is his slave, not the other way around." John MacArthur

Prov 25:28 *A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls.*

Sermon in a Sentence: We must discipline our spiritual nature to control our flesh nature at all times.