



Running the Race

The effective church office team has a **goal**.

Every member has a clear sense of purpose, a **course** set out. The **journey** is not intended to be a **stroll**, a casual meandering to take in the scenery and enjoy the sights along the way.

No, this is a **race**.

A race with a sure destination. The team is going to a **specific** place.

Each member, of course, runs at his or her own pace. Some are **sprinters**, some cross country runners. Regardless, it would be good if, at each day's end, **all** would ask themselves, "How did I run today? Did I take us closer to our goal?"

It is important to understand that **time**, though a factor, is not the **primary** issue in this race. Doing anything well takes time. There will be hurdles along the way that may slow us down. Although ours is a society that loves instant gratification and **fast** results, God is never in a hurry. Our race is more a **marathon** than a dash.

Our assignment is to keep our eyes on the **goal**, to do our best, to be steadfast, **dependable**, faithful. The mission is not to come in first, but to finish the course having done our **best**.

"...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." —Hebrews 12:1