



Remove the Useless Things

"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain." 1 Corinthians 9:24

*I remember a time during the 70's when I had just stepped out of the ocean and was running up the beach towards my girlfriend. I didn't see this pile of sand in front of me so I tripped and fell flat on my board in front of her. Talk about embarrassing! Runners not only need to untangle themselves from the weights that could slow them down, they also need to remove what's useless in their way that might trip them up! They need not be distracted, or take their eyes off of Jesus. As a Christian, even some good things in life may slow us down, but sin, that's another story. Idolatry will stop us dead in our tracks! It will trip you up so you will fall flat on your face. You need to learn to treat sin as sin would treat you! How? Sin will be cruel, ruthless and merciless to you, so you must be merciless towards sin. The devil is not playing games here. Second Timothy 2:19 says; **"Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity."** Is there any secret unconfessed sin in your life that is tripping you up? Are you living in victory over your fleshly nature, over sin, over Satan, and over the world system that tells you to live for anything other than Christ? Pray Psalm 139:23-24 in faith.*

*In the Fisher's mighty hand,
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