

God's Olympics

Team Jesus

Part 2

Pitfalls of a Spiritual Champion

1st Corinthians 9:24-25

The Christian life is not a 100 yard dash it's a lifetime marathon. In a marathon many people begin the race with but when you look at the end of the race the number of the runners has diminished greatly.

Sad truth: _____ start _____ finish

To be a Spiritual champion on Team JESUS we must avoid pitfalls that will hinder us from winning the "Gold."

Notice 5 Pitfalls

I. _____ every distraction. v24-25

Key thought: To win the "Gold" we must keep our _____ on the _____ !
_____ are what we see when we take our eyes off Jesus.

Hebrews 12:1 *Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us*

There are 3 main distractions that will hinder us as members of Team JESUS.

We can't run for the "Gold" if we're always looking back at these 3 things:

1. Past _____ 2. Past _____ 3. Past _____

Philippians 3:13 *Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead*

To win "Gold" we must.....

II. _____ the reward. v24-25

Runners in Tokyo are running for _____ crowns. (perishable)

Runners for Team JESUS are running for _____ crowns. (imperishable)

Every Olympic runner has 3 primary motivations to aim for the "Gold."

1. _____ motivation - motivated by a drive within, a fire, a desire.....

The _____ of _____ gives God's people the desire within to be.....

2. _____ motivation All Olympians have been inspired by other Olympians who have run before them: Ex. Jim Thorpe, Jesse Owens, Usain Bolt.....

On Team JESUS we have been inspired by past champions like.....

3. The greatest motivation we have on Team JESUS is our _____ motivation

To hear King JESUS someday say.....

III. _____ our strength.

2nd Corinthians 4:16 *Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.*

We need "**DAILY**" restoration.

3 things Team JESUS needs to remember every day:

1. The _____ of God. over _____ of them in the Bible.
2. The _____ performance of our God.

Remembering every day how Jesus has helped us in the _____ will help us keep running in the _____ !

3. The _____ of God.

Every day on Team JESUS we need to remember our God is _____ and _____ !

IV. _____ discouragement.

This is one of the biggest tools satan has to keep us from being for Jesus.

Galatians 6:9 *"Let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up."*

For God's glory let us _____ on _____ on till our race is finished.

V. _____ every day in God's power.

Ephesians 5:18 *And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit*

Team JESUS is _____ by the _____ of God's wonderful Holy Spirit.

And when we allow Him to fill us daily with His power we will never:

_____ out, _____ out or _____ out !