



THE OLYMPICS OF FAITH
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Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? **Run in such a way** as to get the prize.

Spectators VS Olympians

Most Christians today are spectator Christians.

The Olympics of faith:

- Christianity is not a one-off event, it is a long way journey
- 'The Athletes' must meet certain criteria to get into the Olympics

The Olympics of Faith: Essential Criteria

I. SENSE OF PURPOSE

1 Cor 9: 25 They [The athletes] do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get **a crown that will last forever.** 26 Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air.

Our purpose: To do the will of God in our life (Mat 7:21; Romans 12:2)

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II. STRICT TRAINING

1 Cor 9:25 Everyone who competes in the games goes into **strict training**. **27** But I **discipline** my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

Strict training in this context talks about Spiritual discipline (1 Tim 4:8)

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III. LETTING GO...PRESSING ON

Phil 3:13 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: **Forgetting what is behind** and straining toward what is ahead, **14 I press on toward the goal** to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Letting go of 'excess baggage' – bitterness, sins, and all other things that block you from running towards the goal

Paul reached the finish line

2 Timothy 4:6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. **7** I have fought the good fight, **I have finished the race**, I have kept the faith. **8** Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day-- and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Will you reach the finish line?

100 meter race VS Marathon

3 things you need to have:

- Sense of purpose
- Strict Training
- Letting go...Pressing on!

Keep pressing on towards the high calling – to do the will of God in your life and attain eternal crown in heaven.

Beijing Olympics finished today...The Olympics of faith has just started.

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