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## Olympic Fame or Shame?

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I am a sports enthusiast. I especially like the Olympics. My sense of Nationalism runs deep within me. In fact, I'll admit that when American athletes win a gold medal, and when they zoom in on their faces during the playing of our National Anthem, I can't help but get a little teary eyed.

Ryan Lochte has already stood on the Olympic platform to hear our National Anthem played twice in these Olympic games, and has the chance to do it again. And while a person would normally be basking in Olympic Fame for such accomplishments, Lochte has managed to bring upon himself, "Olympic Shame."

While being interviewed by the media, Lochte's own mother warned girls to leave him alone because he doesn't have time for a relationship and only has time for "one night stands." Lochte, himself gave an interview and said that 70 to 75 percent of Olympic athletes will have sex with other athletes during the Olympics and that he was looking forward to the partying and the hookups. He furthermore said to ESPN The Magazine, "My last Olympics, I had a girlfriend – big mistake...Now I'm single, so London should be really good. I'm excited."

We have reached a time when we no longer know how to blush (Jeremiah 6:14).

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