

God's Game Plan

(1 Corinthians 9:24-27)

- Introduction:
1. While we may live in a world that is obsessed with sports, the Lord used sports as an means to teach several spiritual truths.
 2. Some of the passages that mention sporting events are:
 - a. (1 Corinthians 9:24) Running in a race.
 - b. (1 Corinthians 9:26) Boxing.
 - c. (1 Samuel 20:20, 35-38) Archery.
 - d. (Ephesians 6:12) Wrestling.
 - e. (1 Corinthians 9:24-25) Olympics.
 3. Tonight, I would like for us to consider several sports allusions that will help us in our Christian walk.

I. We Must Play By The Rules

- A. (2 Timothy 2:5).
- B. There is a rule book that we must observe.

II. We Must Be Properly Equipped

- A. (Hebrews 12:1).
- B. (Ephesians 6:10-18).

III. We Must Listen To The Coach

- A. (Luke 6:46).
- B. It's not our responsible to create a game plan, however it is our job to execute the game plan given to us.

IV. We Must Break From The Huddle

- A. (Philippians 2:13).
- B. (James 1:21).
- C. No game has ever been won in the huddle.

V. We Will Celebrate The Victory

- A. (Psalm 126:5).

- Conclusion:
1. May we never forget that we are in a competition.
 2. The prize that is at stake is the crown of life.
 3. Don't stand on the sidelines any longer.