

COROEBUS and the OLYMPICS®

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Do you know about Coroebus? He was the first known athlete to win an Olympic race. You probably didn't see him on TV, though, because all this happened 2,800 years ago! Wow! Actually scholars (people who study these kinds of things) think the Olympics started about 800 years before that! That's hard to imagine, isn't it?

Here are the facts:

Name: Coroebus or Korebos

Address: Elis, Greece

Occupation: Cook

Competition: 200 meter foot race

Prize: A crown made from olive branches

Is Coroebus talked about in the Bible? No, Coroebus is NOT talked about in the Bible, but the winner's prize – the crown of olive branches – IS talked about in the Bible.

An athlete's crown? In the Bible? Where?

1 Corinthians 9:25: *And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.*

What's THAT mean? Athletes had to go through 10 months of strict training for the games. We've heard that training included eating a lot of cheese and listening to a lot of flute music. Really. The training took tons of self-control. Then, even if they DID win, all they got was a crown made out of soon-to-be dead branches! Now THAT would be exciting! The soon-to-be-dead-branches crown was called a corruptible (soon-to-fall-apart) crown.

What's that got to do with the Bible? Paul wrote that the Christian life is also to be one of self-control. No, we Christians don't have to eat

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a diet of cheese while listening to flute music. But it does mean we're to be self-controlled in our actions. (Like when our little brother bugs us, we aren't to yell at him, push him or dream up revenge.) Someday when we get to heaven, we'll receive a forever-lasting, incorruptible crown for a self-controlled life. How much better is that than soon-to-be-dead olive branches?

Do we wear the crown in heaven as we walk down the golden streets? The Bible tells us that people may give the crowns back to the Lord in honor and praise (Revelation 4:10).

IN WHAT SPORT WOULD YOU LIKE TO WIN AN OLYMPIC MEDAL?

We asked this very question to the T&T clubbers at Creedmoor Road Baptist Church in Raleigh, North Carolina. Here are some of the answers we they gave us.

Soccer. I think it would be amazing to play in the Olympics.
Rebekah, age 11

Shooting because I'm a good aimer.
Stephen, age 8

Running because running is a passion of mine.
Anna, age 12

Baseball because I am good at it and like how the game is played.
Zachary, age 9

Swimming because I'm on the swim team.
Gabriel, age 8

Gymnastics because it is sort of like cheering.
Jenna, age 9



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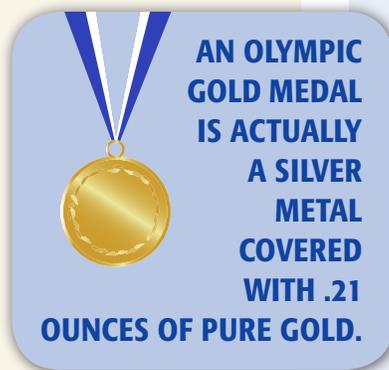
GET A CLUE

Here's a great memory game!

Each of the four color teams will need a supply of small pieces of paper or index cards.

A team chooses a verse from the handbook and writes the verse on the index cards (one word per card). The goal is for other teams to guess which verse the first team has chosen. The first team gives a clue by holding up one or two of the words. If another team guesses the verse, that team receives 10 points. If no team guesses the verse, the first team shows another word and so on until the verse is guessed. (The more clues shown, the fewer points received.)

The team that correctly guesses chooses the next verse.



Why does it take longer for a player to run from second to third base than from first to second?

What was the football coach doing at the bank?

Two balls of string had a race. Who won?

Why are bleacher seats so cold?

Answers: Because there's a short stop between second and third; Getting his quarterback; Neither, they were tied; Fans sit in them.

Help the runner make it to the finish line.

START



THE COLORS OF THE FIVE OLYMPIC RINGS WERE CHOSEN BECAUSE AT LEAST ONE OF THOSE COLORS IS IN THE FLAG OF EVERY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD.

FINISH

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