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SERMON OUTLINE 8/10/08

BIBLE PASSAGE: [Matthew 7:13-20](#); [II Timothy 4:1-8](#)

TITLE: "OLYMPIC GOLD/RUNNING LIFE'S  
GREATEST RACE"

INTRO:

1. Kentucky Derby, Indianapolis 500, Super Bowl, or Summer Olympics...
2. [Hebrews 12:1 & 2](#)-Run the \_\_\_\_\_ /focus on Christ...
3. Ancient Greeks longed for an \_\_\_\_\_ branch.
4. In many ways SPORTS are symbolic of the great race of life.

PROPOSITION: Know where you are going, how to get there and how to tell others. (Credit main points-Billy Graham/Decision, 2000).

I. SPORTS HAVE GOALS.

A. Sports Goals-Basketball And \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Spiritual Goals

1. Eternal life, [Romans 10:9-13](#); [John 3:36](#).
2. Enduring \_\_\_\_\_, [John 15:7, 8](#).

II. SPORTS REQUIRE DISCIPLINE.

A. Identify \_\_\_\_\_ Teaching, [Matthew 7:15-17](#).

B. Implement Biblical Standards, [Titus 2:11-15](#).

III. SPORTS REQUIRE PRECISION, [Matthew 7:13, 14](#).

A. God Is Not Haphazard In \_\_\_\_\_.

B. God Is Not Haphazard In The New Testament, [John 3:3](#).

IV. SPORTS HAVE RULES, [Matthew 7:18-20](#).

A. The Penalty \_\_\_\_\_, [Revelation 21:8](#).

B. The Perish Clause, [II Peter 2:9, 10](#).

V. SPORTS HAVE OPPONENTS, [I Peter 5:8, 9](#).

A. Sports Are Not Life And Death.

B. Salvation Is Life \_\_\_\_\_ Death, [II Corinthians 4:1-4](#).

VI. SPORTS KEEP SCORE, [II Timothy 4:1-5](#).

A. The Ball Game...

B. The Book of \_\_\_\_\_, [Revelation 20:11-15](#).

VII. SPORTS HAVE REWARDS, [John 10:22-30](#).

A. Draft Choices...

B. Divine Character, [I Corinthians 9:24-27](#).

CONCLUSION:

1. Are you on the team?

2. Will you do the training/[II Timothy 4:6-8](#)?