



Devotional & Article Writing Starters

Topic: "Olympics"

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General Ideas

- Dare to Dream (reaching goals, Philippians 3:14)
- Getting Back up when You Fall
- Getting Ready for the Games
- Joining the Team (working together in the body of Christ)
- Meeting the Challenge
- Peak Performance (1 Corinthians 9:24-27)
- Perfect Host (hospitality)
- Pushing Ourselves to Victory
- Training the Elite (Matthew 28:20)
- What Makes You a Winner?

Reliable Representatives

- All those participants in the Olympics are representing their families, their hometowns, and ultimately their country.
- Who are we representing as Christians?
- We are ambassadors.
- 2 Corinthians 5:20
- We don't just represent our families, hometowns, or countries, but Christ!

Passing the Baton

- Teaching others what we know about Christ. (Matthew 28:18-20)
- Paul teaching Timothy (Acts 16:1-3;1 Corinthians 4:17)
- God has different plans for different leadership. Look at the Kings of the Old Testament. David's reign was quite different from Saul's reign. And Solomon's reign was different from David's reign. Each had a job and a legacy to leave.
- Each one in the body of Christ must be ready to pick up the baton, but also be ready to pass it over when God leads. You can't hold on to the baton when the Holy Spirit is leading, or you will slow down the cause of Christ.

Standings on a Scoreboard

- Olympians always have their record, their Olympic Standings.
- Standings are how the participants place in competitions. It's their score. It's those details.
- Standings are what the participants go by in order to be better than the other competitors and to reach higher goals.
- What's on your athletic record for Jesus?
- What have you accomplished?
- What if your standings for Jesus were up on a scoreboard for all to see?

- 2 Timothy 4:7
- Philippians 2:16

Spectators on a Cloud

- Look who is watching as we run our race.
- Hebrews chapter 12
- Key verse (Hebrews 12:1)

Eying the Competition

- Know what you are up against as a Christian.
- John 8:44
- Know what can lure you away from doing what is right.
- 1 Peter 5:8

The Winner’s Circle

- 2 Timothy 2
- Key Verse: 2 Timothy 2:5.

And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

- 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
- 2 Corinthians 13:5
- John 8:31-32

Beyond Fanfare

- We know there will be opposition to Christianity.
- There won’t always be a parade for us.
- Matthew 5:11, 12

- Look what Paul endured. (2 Corinthians 11)

Knowing Your Venue

- Know what the world offers.
- We are "in" the world but not "of" the world as Christians.
- John 17
- Romans 12:2
- 1 Corinthians 10:23
- We can overcome (1 John 4:4)

On the Team

- Long jump team
 - Man who was healed (Acts 3)
 - Key verse: Acts 3:8
- Running team
 - Paul (2 Timothy 4)
 - Key verse: 2 Timothy 4:7
- Wrestling team
 - Jacob (Genesis 32)
 - Key verse: Genesis 32:24
- Body building team
 - Samson (Judges 16)
 - Key verses: Judges 16:28-31

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Running the Race

- The Christian life is like a race. It takes endurance.
- 1 Corinthians 9:24
- Hebrews 12:1

Leaps of Faith

- Look at the different faith heroes and what they accomplished.
- Hebrews 11

The following ideas were submitted by my followers.

Thanks for your help, ladies!

Centering on the Torch (Thanks to Erica for this one)

- What if your devotion centered around the torch?
- The torch is passed along to others until it reaches the "eternal flame."
- Use God guiding the children of Israel in the wilderness as an example, His cloud by day and fire by night.
- Use it as a way of sharing our faith and beliefs, passing them on to others until we reach our heavenly home.

Strengthening the Arms (Thanks to Cynthia)

- Tying the Proverbs 31 scriptures into it all...rising before dark, strengthening the arms, etc.

Being Salt (Thanks to Cynthia)

- Being the salt of the earth...all bodies need salt, especially when in training due to depletion thru sweating, and we need to keep our salt replenished thru God’s Word.

Being the Light on the Hill (Thanks to Cynthia)

- Being the light on the hill...don’t hide our witness about the Lord, but also don’t hide our individual talents, but use them for the Lord.
- Each of these athletes are receiving worldwide attention–what an opportunity to give God the glory for their talent.
- Physical items could be coins (what most consider talents in the scriptures), and also workout equipment (jump ropes, hand weights, running shoes, etc.).

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