

Intro – Athletes are much in the news today.

Elements of the Sports Experience

1. Preparation

- Usain Bolt – 100 meters in 9:58 seconds _____

- Athletic preparation requires _____.

- I Peter 1:13-16 _____

- Self-control is the basis of a Christian’s training but not the objective. _____

2. Perseverance

- Perseverance is the willingness to stay the course despite pain, criticism, obstacles or doubt.

- For the Christian:

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

- Hebrews 12:1 _____

- Galatians 6:9 _____

- Philippians 4:13 _____

3. The Game

A. Competition

- Christians don't compete with other Christians or unbelievers, it's with spirits.

- Ephesians 6:10-12 _____

- Our weapons are spiritual in nature – Ephesians 6:13-16 _____

- The Christian's game is unto "death." _____

B. Winning and Losing

- Floyd Mayweather Jr. – 50 wins / 0 Losses _____

- Winning judges skill, losing determines limits _____

- I Corinthians 9:24-27 _____

- Galatians 5:7 _____

- II Timothy 2:5 _____

Summary

- Only those who _____ receive the _____.

- As far as Christians are concerned, all who _____ receive the _____.
