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Olympic athletes had a reputation for strictly exercising self-control in sex and diet. The athletes, according to some accounts, swore an oath that they did not have sexual intercourse, eat meat, or drink wine for ten months prior to the games.

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He points to the denials, the hard training, and the severe discipline to which men who took part in the games subjected themselves. No one thought it strange that they should sacrifice so much for the chance of winning; why, then, should he be counted eccentric, who sought the certain reward of gaining new lovers of his Master's cross?

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2 Timothy 4

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8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

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- 1** Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.
- 2** Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.
- 3** But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself.
- 4** For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord.
- 5** Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

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Discipline means giving up the good and the better for the best. The athlete must watch his diet as well as his hours. He must smile and say “No, thank you” when people offer him fattening desserts or invite him to late-night parties. There is nothing wrong with food or fun, but if they interfere with your highest goals, then they are hindrances and not helps.

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Hebrews 12

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1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

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