



# NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

*“Run the race of life as best as you can, because you only get one chance at it.”*

## Go for the Incorruptible Gold

*I am not athletically inclined. Sorry to say, I do not enjoy watching sports. You ask me a sports or team question and I have no clue. I get so bored watching sport games. I often say, “Why yell and cheer at the TV set? The players cannot hear you and you have no control on the outcome.” Whether they win or lose; it will be forgotten by the next season or even game. The money the professionals make is out of control.*

*Olympic Sports is a little different. The individuals or teams must be nonprofessional. They compete only once every four years to be the best in the world. These participants are doing it because they personally trained, sacrificed and worked hard for that one chance of getting the prize.*

*The first Olympics is traditionally dated to 776 BC. They continued to be celebrated when Greece came under Roman rule, until the emperor Theodosius I suppressed them in 393 AD. The games were always held at Olympian every four years. The first 200 years of the games' existence, they were religious and athletic festivals. Originally, athletes competing in the Olympic Games wore loin-cloths. This item of clothing was however phased out and eventually athletes competed in the nude. The first modern games, held under the auspices of the IOC, were hosted in the Panathenaic stadium in Athens in 1896. Those Games brought together 14 nations and 241 athletes who competed in 43 events. See Wikipedia.org: [Ancient Olympics](#) and [Olympic Games](#)*

*The Bible speaks about us being in a race: “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;” Hebs. 12: 1, 2. I saw a race, in my area, where it was marked poorly and some of the runners went down the wrong street.*

*Our race is not a physical one. (The Bible states: “For bodily exercise profiteth little..” 1 Tim 4:8). It is a spiritual race with the finish line quickly approaching. What we do on earth does not determine if we get to Heaven. (Only trusting Jesus will do that. John 3:16) But it will determine our Heavenly rewards. We are to do our best in this race, not for selfish reasons but to hear from our Lord “Well done, thou good and faithful servant..” Matt. 25:21*

*“Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. 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.” 1 Cor. 9:23,24*



**How is your running?**

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**Are you even running in the  
right direction?**

**Jesus said “I am the Way, the  
Truth and the Life.”**



**But we an incorruptible..**

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