

## “Lessons from the Olympiad (Seven Secrets for Winning the Race)”

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- **Secret #1—Draw strength from the \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - Hebrews 12:1—“Surrounded by such a great cloud of \_\_\_\_\_, let us run the \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - The Greek for “race” is *agon*, the technical term for the assembly of the Greeks at their national games (\_\_\_\_\_).
  - “Surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses” describes the roaring crowd in the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Who are they? Hebrews 11
  
- **Secret #2—\_\_\_\_\_ down.**
  - Hebrews 12:1—“Let us throw off everything that \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - “The \_\_\_\_\_ that so easily entangles” (TNIV).
  - The glory of the Olympiad of the Ages is that every entrant may \_\_\_\_\_. We do not race against each other. \_\_\_\_\_ is our great nemesis and our only competitor.
  - “Paul’s sanctification was the result of a *constant conflict with self*. He said: ‘I die daily.’ 1 Corinthians 15:31. His will and his desires *every day* conflicted with duty and the will of God. Instead of following inclination, he did God’s will, however crucifying to his own nature.” (8T 313, emphasis supplied)
  
- **Secret #3—Stay in your \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - Hebrews 12:1—“Let us run the race marked out for \_\_\_\_\_.”
  
- **Secret #4—Don’t \_\_\_\_\_.**
  
- **Secret #5—Endure the \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - Hebrews 12:1, 2—“Let us run with \_\_\_\_\_ the race marked out for us . . . [even as Jesus] \_\_\_\_\_ the cross.”
  - Just as there is a winner in all of us, there is a \_\_\_\_\_ in all of us.
  - The Greek word for “race”—*agon*—is the root for our English word, “\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.”
  
- **Secret #6—Keep your eyes on your \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - Hebrews 12:2 NIV—“Let us fix our eyes on \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - Who better to \_\_\_\_\_ us than the One who \_\_\_\_\_ us?
  - How?
    - Hebrews 3:1 TNIV—“Fix your thoughts on Jesus.”
    - Meditate on one story a day from the Gospels.
    - Energize your life with a high calorie spiritual diet.
  
- **Secret #7—If you want to race to the \_\_\_\_\_, you must run with the \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - Hebrews 12:2—“Looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith”

*Fix your eyes on Jesus*