

**“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