

THE OLYMPICS

The purpose of this study is to show how Paul the Apostle of Jesus Christ used the Olympics as an analogy for our Christian walk in life.

In **1 Corinthians 9:24-26** Paul says: “Know ye not that they which **run** in a **race run** all, but one receives the prize? So **run**, that ye may obtain. And every man that strives for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so **run**, not as uncertainly; so, **fight** I, not as one that beats the air.”

Ephesians 4:17: ”This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth **walk** not as other Gentiles **walk**, in the vanity of their mind,”
Ephesians 2:10: “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should **walk** in them.”

Ephesians 4:1-2: “I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye **walk worthy** of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love”.

Ephesians 3:8-9 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; ⁹ And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

Ephesians 5:2 “And **walk** in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor.

Ephesians 5:8-10. “For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth; Providing what is acceptable unto the Lord”.

Ephesians 5:15-16 “See then that you **walk** circumspectly, not as fools but as wise. ¹⁶ **Redeeming the time**, because the days are evil.” Here the Greek word for walk is *paripateo*, and it means to **walk** around or

tread in a large area. But the word circumspectly is even more interesting. It is the Greek akribos, it means to be exact or perfect or diligent. Note also that in Verse 16 that it mentioned “redeeming the time”. The Greek word for redeem means to rescue from loss or ransom.

Colossians 1:10 “That ye might **walk** worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.”

Colossians 2:6 “As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so **walk** ye in him.”

Colossians 4:5 “**Walk** in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.”

Galatians 2:2 “And I went up by revelation and communicated unto them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to them which were of reputation, lest by any means I should **run**, or had **run**, in vain.” “In vain” here means running to no effect or empty.

Galatians 5:7 “Ye did **run** well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?”

Philippians 2:16 “Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not **run** in vain, neither labored in vain

Hebrews 12:1: “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.”

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2 Timothy 4:7-8 “I have **fought a good fight**, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all of them also that love his appearing.”

1 **Timothy 6:12** Paul says: “**Fight the good fight** of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.”

Acts 23:9 “And there arose a great cry: and the scribes that were of the Pharisees' part arose, and strove, saying, we find no evil in this man: but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, let us not **fight** against God”!

Ephesians 6:12. “For we **wrestle** not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”

Hebrews 10:32: “But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great **fight** of afflictions.”

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2 Timothy 2:12 “If we, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us.”

Olympic events and guidelines for the Christian Believer

<u>Event:</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Verse:</u>
Walk	not as others	_____
	In them	_____
	Worthy	_____
	In love	_____
	As children	_____
	Circumspectly	_____
	Worthy	_____
	In Him	_____
	In wisdom	_____
Run	In vain	_____
	Well	_____
	Not in vain	_____
	With patience	_____
	In a race	_____
Fight	Good fight	_____
	Good fight of faith	_____
	Not against God	_____
Wrestle	Not against spiritual	
	Wickedness	_____
Called	To endure	_____
Fight	Finished my course	_____
Reign	With Him	_____