

“Go for the Gold (A Competitive Athlete)”

Sunday, March 13, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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Various Scriptures

BIG IDEA: A Competitive Athlete gives everything they have.

*“Also, if anyone competes as an athlete,
he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.”
2 Timothy 2:5 (CSB)*

- ☞ **A Competitive Athlete FOLLOWS the RULES.**
- ☞ **A Competitive Athlete PATIENTLY PREPARES.**
- ☞ **A Competitive Athlete REMAINS FOCUSED.**
- ☞ **A Competitive Athlete STRIVES for the PRIZE.**
- ☞ **A Competitive Athlete FINISHES the RACE.**

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READ: Reread any of the scriptures from this message that particularly impact you.

THINK: Think about what it means to be a competitive athlete, then ask yourself these questions: *What sports did you play in either high school or college? What is your favorite sport to watch? Why is it your favorite? What rules do Christians need to follow? What disciplines are necessary to “finish the race”? What distracts Christ-followers from the “race”? For what prize do we strive in Christ? Why would someone stop short of finishing their “competition”? Where is the finish line for you?*

DO: With the Bible & the Holy Spirit as your personal trainers, write down a strategy to effectively maximize your “game” as a Christian.