

Life Is Like A Game, But...

Hebrews 12:1-3

Five Part Series: Let the Games Begin (Olympic Theme for August)

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Life is like a Game, but...

1. In life, the stakes are **higher**.

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses,”
—Hebrews 12:1

Life is like a game, Olympians are called to a starting line, but...

2. In life, God calls us **all** to the starting line.

“...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” —Hebrews 12:1b

Life is like a game, there is discipline and training, but...

3. In life, there is **No practice**.

“...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles,”
—Hebrews 12:1

Life is like a game, both have false starts, but...

4. In the Christian life, you get to **start over**.

“Neither do I condemn you ... Go now and leave your life of sin.” —John 8:11

Life is like a game, both have winners and losers, but...

5. In the Christian life, the **last** shall be **first**.

“...who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” —Hebrews 12:2b

Life is like a game, both have a finish line, but...

6. Victory is **assured** for the Christian.

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,” —Hebrews 12:2a

Life is like a Game, but...

Life is eternal

But in life, Hebrews 9:27 says (KJV), *“It is appointed unto men once to die, after that comes the judgment.”*

Hebrews 9:27-28 (NIV), *“Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,²⁸ so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.*

Memory verse:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. —Hebrews 12:1