

Sports

1. Sports have become a “god” in our nation and around the world.

Consider the great amount of time and money that goes into sports.

Consider that a sport years ago was called “extra-curricular”, but today it is the primary activity among many.

2. There are positive things associated with sports like...

The need for exercise – 1 Tim. 4:8

The need for rules – 2 Tim. 2:5

The need for discipline – 1 Cor. 9:24-27

The need for intense effort/struggle – Jude 3

The need for keeping your eye on the goal – Heb. 12:1-2

The need for overcoming set-backs – Eccl. 9:11

The need for getting the reward (winner) – Mt. 25:46

3. There are negative things associated with sports like...

Immodest apparel (athlete, cheerleader, dance team, etc.) – 1 Tim. 2:9-10

Improper behavior (fighting [athletes, coaches, fans, parents], foul language, temper out of control, drugs/alcohol, sexual immorality, body piercing/tattoos, lying/cheating, etc.) – Gal. 5:19-21

Gambling – Col. 3:5; 1 Tim. 6:10

Idolizing sports figures – Jn. 5:24; 12:43

Sports fanatic (time and money is spent on sports, no time for God) – Mt. 6:19-33; Lk. 8:14

Forsaking the assembling (attending or participating in a sport) – Heb. 10:25

4. Don't let sports become your “god” and your “idol”!