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- 2 Peter 2 addresses false teachers who have become entangled in the things of the world.
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- Athletes would have to swear an oath that they did 10 months of training to compete in the games.
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- 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Paul uses the analogy of an athlete and says that we run for an imperishable crown.

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- A farmer is rarely recognized, if at all, for all their labors.
- Paul’s use of a Farmer shows that you can work hard with nothing to show for it right away until the crop comes in.
- What seeds are you sowing in your own life? (Galatians 6:7-9)
- What are you doing to help reach others for Christ? (Matthew 9:36-38)
- 1 Corinthians 3:6-7 God is the one who makes things grow but He invites us to be a part of what He is doing.
- Romans 16:6,12 Paul commends people who are working hard in ministry.
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