

From The Mountaintop to the Valley

All Hard Work

The Winter Olympics can sometimes feel like an ice and snow draped tribute to various obscure sports. Things like luge, skeleton, biathlon and short track speed skating are not events that pop up on Sports Center every night. Yet even though we don't know all the rules or how to pronounce all the names; we watch, knowing we are seeing the best in the world competing.

The men's figure skating competition got a little heated here in 2010. Russian Evgeni Plushenko, the defending Olympic champion, lost the gold medal to American Evan Lysacek. Lysacek skated a nearly flawless program, without attempting any risky quadruple jumps. Plushenko had such jumps in his routine, but he was less than perfect in doing them. He felt his attempt at something bigger and better than anyone else was enough to take home the prize.

“All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty” Proverbs 14:23

Too often we think we need to find a way to dazzle the world and gain their attention; a sort of spiritual “get rich quick” scheme to be the next Billy Graham and tell millions of people how very much God loves them. The best course of action though is to use the gifts and talents God has given us to work hard each and every day. A lost and hurting world needs a new ministry idea far less than it needs ordinary people loving and living Christ-filled lives to the best of their ability. THAT is what will bring a profit to God's Kingdom...THAT is what will truly change the world.



Thanks for all you do.

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