

Family Life – Who Is Prepared?
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Text: 1 Corinthians 9:24-25

The objective at the Olympics is to win. The objective in Family Life is to be ONE

“So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate” Matthew 19:6

How to Prepare to be ONE

1. Train for the inevitability of conflict

“And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?” Matthew 7:3

2. Train within the limitations of the rules

“But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.” Col. 3:8-9

Rules to become ONE

- Never compare
- Never say always
- Never fight in front of the kids
- Never change lanes
- Never play the reporter
- Never keep score
- Never quit

3. Train with the goal of reconciliation in mind

“Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison” Matthew 5:23-25