

Morning Lesson

PASSING THE BATON

1 Cor. 9:24-27

INTRO:

1. Team USA did not make the finals of the 4 x 100 men's relay. A poor pass from the second to the third leg cost them a chance at a medal.
2. The team that wins is the team that gets the baton across the finish line first.
3. Life is like a relay race in some ways.

I. IN THE CHURCH.

A. Eph. 3:8-10; 4:11, 12.

B. 2 Tim. 2:2; 4:1, 2.

C. Heb. 5:12-14.

D. We must pass on the baton of truth. **Jude 3**

E. We must train future leaders.

II. IN THE HOME.

A. It is the parents' responsibility to instruct their children. **Deut. 4:9, 10; 6:6-9; 11:18-21; Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4**

B. This was a problem for Eli and Samuel.

1 Sam. 3:13; 8:1-5

CONC:

1. Life is a race to be run with endurance.
Heb. 12:1, 2
2. I realize that life is more like a marathon than a sprint, but the concept of passing the baton applies.
3. Is there anything more heartbreaking or tragic than handing off the baton and hearing it hit the ground?