



Outer Growth - Sports

And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they call for Samson out of the prison house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the pillars.

Judges 16:25

Social ----- Proverbs 18:24

Participants ---- 1 Corinthians 9:24

Organizations - 1 Corinthians 15:33

Report ----- Exo. 23:1, 2 Cor. 6:8

Time ----- Genesis 8:22

Sacrifice ----- Hebrews 11:4

What is the meaning of sport? To sport is to play. The word sport begins in verse twenty-five of chapter sixteen from the book of Judges. Samson, who at the time could not see, is called upon by the Philistines to come out. The chapter continues tragically with Him ending up taking out three thousand men and women. Verse twenty-seven of the same chapter mentions a roof. This house may be similar to a stadium setting where the Philistine people came to see Samson. The same verse states that the house is full of men and women, and the lords of the Philistines present to see Samson sport which means to entertain. In verse twenty-four of the same chapter, the people commented how Samson defeated many of them in the past. All these gestures have the ingredients of a sporting event. The crowd was merry, full of people, special guests in attendance, Samson at a disadvantage and away from home. All of these components are similar to sports.

Sports involve the social environment. Anyone that plays sports, either recreational or professional, will know that it requires physical activity. However, in sports, the public will take notice of you. How you respond or interact with them will impact your life. They will either be for you or against you. Samson kept defeating the Philistines in the same chapter until they socially found another method.

There are many different sports of all sorts.

However, they all have something in common: players. Whether single or a team, everyone expects to compete to receive a reward or win.

Sports are good when you are playing. Still, at the professional level, playing for someone such as an institution is no longer for yourself but for the group. The challenge is you are not able to do it your way but their way. However, outside of the play, the associates from the association might require you to conduct yourself that might not be your custom. Situations like these could affect you when you play.

Sports involve reporters such as the media.

The media is a sport in itself. Media is people that evaluate players based on what they view and often interpret it inaccurately. At the recreational level, the media can be your friends, family, stranger, or enemies. At the pro level, the reporters, broadcasters, and other media outlets will question any player, and some will see it right and say it wrong.

How we respond and handle the situation will either be in your favor or not.

Sports can be time-consuming. The time we put in, we want to make progress. The time comes and goes. Similarly, we desire to commit and make improvements. To be better by the minute, have more power than the past hour. Only time will tell.

Sports can have a positive impact or negative impact on our life. Samson, who dominated the Philistines most of his life, faced adversity for defeating them so much until they finally got him. He sacrificed himself to defeat three thousand men and women.

Some of our family, organizations, friends and other associates may have helped our success along the way to the point where we are now. We want to support that particular activity by mastering the areas that accompany that sport.