

# ***THE PRICE OF VICTORY!***

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Sometimes we find that the price of victory is not the hours of labor and toil that it takes to win, but rather that tiny bit of extra effort that we exude at the finish line. In race after race, the difference between victory and not-so-distant second place was ever so slight.

Just ask Blain Lingerin as he came off the last hurdle, racing toward a sure gold medal. The only problem, Lingerin went in straight up at the finish line while America's Hayes Jones, in the outside lane, leaned ever-so-slightly at the final second to touch the tape first and to take away the gold medal, barely nipping him by a hundredth of a second.

Can you imagine how minute a hundredth of a second is? Do you know how many hundreds of thousands of gold medals have been won by a hundredth of a second? Perhaps no one does but in almost every race, it is the difference between the first and second place winners.

It's the tiny bit of extra effort that often spells victory and defeat on the oval, and it's the same tiny difference that often makes the difference in life. In Innsbruck, Austria, the gateway to the Brenner Pass and the capital of the Tyrol, seven gold medals were won by less than one one-hundredth of a second. Do you know that you can't even see that on the electronic scoreboard? There's hardly anything you can do with your hands to illustrate just how little that is. A blink of the eye is a fifth of a second. Can you imagine training ten years of your life and then losing by that small of a difference?

In Munich, Germany, one athlete lost an Olympic Gold Medal and a World Championship by just two one-thousandths of a second. You can't even illustrate it. No move you can make, no device that is available to the human eye can illustrate how minute a thousandth of a second is.

When it comes to life, just the slightest lean toward the positive can make the difference. It can change your life if you'll only give it a try. But most of us don't want to pay that final price to gain the ultimate satisfaction. We go through life, and then we cause it all to collapse because our attitudes aren't

right. But we can change all that if we'll begin today by leaning toward the positive.

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