



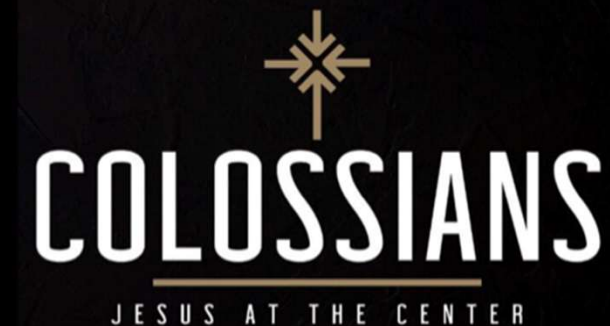
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ἀγῶνα - agona- where we get our word “agony”

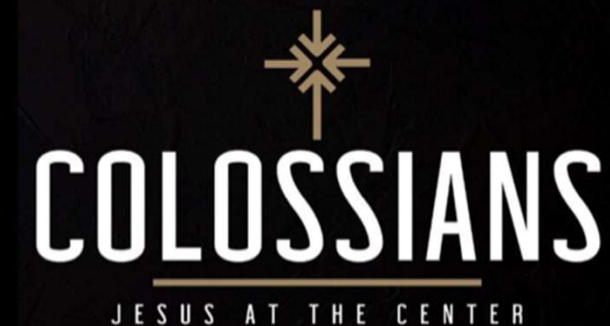
ἀγών originally means a “place of assembly,” then a “place of contest” or “stadium,” then the “contest” itself



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“You” 1st person & 2nd person

σὺ (*su*), and the 2nd person plural nominative pronoun is ὑμεῖς (*hymeis* / y'all).



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Common Non-Biblical Sayings

"God helps those who help themselves."

Reality: Scripture actually teaches that God helps the weak, the ungodly, and the helpless (Romans 5:6).

"God will not give you more than you can handle."

Reality: A misinterpretation of 1 Corinthians 10:13 (which refers specifically to temptation). The Bible often shows people facing burdens far beyond their own strength so they rely on God (2 Corinthians 1:8–9).

"Money is the root of all evil."

Reality: 1 Timothy 6:10 states that the *love* of money is a root of all kinds of evil.

"Cleanliness is next to godliness."

Reality: This phrase comes from ancient proverbs and sermons (popularized by John Wesley), not scripture.

"God needed another angel in heaven."

Reality: Humans do not become angels when they die; scripture never describes people turning into heavenly host beings.

"Follow your heart."

Reality: Jeremiah 17:9 warns that the human heart is "deceitful above all things, and desperately sick".

"When God closes a door, he opens a window."

Reality: This saying is folk wisdom, not found anywhere in the text of the Bible.

"To thine own self be true."

Reality: Shakespeare's "Hamlet".

