

# Going for gold....

**the testing and stretching of  
our faith**

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## **Introduction**

It is difficult to think of a subject more relevant to Christians today than this one, particularly for those involved in the marketplaces of the world where we know things move ever faster.

This booklet sets out to equip the believer in handling all the things that will test and stretch his or her faith, so that we can fulfill the word given through Malachi:

*'Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.'*

Malachi 3:18

The book is titled 'Going for gold' because the concept inspires reaching the highest standard, being the winner of the race and for me that encapsulates my Christian walk – not that I always succeed, but that I aspire to be pleasing to my heavenly Father by being fruitful.

*"I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich;"*

Revelation 3:18

*'that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,'*

1 Peter 1:7

So let's start with God's master plan.....