

# THE SORROW OF THE GOLDEN BOY

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Abhinav Bindra who bagged a gold August 2008, was described as the first Indian in the history of India to event. Bindra, the pride of 100 crores of

He became a millionaire through his victory in the Olympics. We must be joyful and truly proud of Bindra who brought India name, fame and glory. At the same time his utterances after winning the gold medal, have to be noted seriously with regard to spiritual life. Even when the whole of India had been watching his bagging the gold medal with tears of joy, he said without any upsurge of emotions, 'At this moment I experience nothing but a sort of emptiness.' He had already attained the peaks of victory and when he was in the midst of this thrilling experience, the thought that there was nothing more to achieve now, brought to the mind of this golden boy a feeling of emptiness. This may be the sorry state of mind of all the people who have not accepted Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. We must come to the realization that neither gold nor wealth or material gains can bring genuine happiness in our lives. **"Even if a person wins the whole world, what does he gain if he loses his soul?" (Lk).**

medal in the Olympics held in Beijing in golden boy by the media, as he was the receive a gold medal for an individual Indians was born in a well-to-do family.

Every person experiences some sort of emptiness in the core of their soul. Even after attaining all that is wished for, the soul thirsts for something more noble. Let us realize that this emptiness can be filled only by God. The contentment in life can be achieved only when we come to the realization that wealth and position are not the real sources of peace and joy in life. **"If you treat gold like dust and gold of Ophir like the stones of the torrent-bed, and if the Almighty is your gold and your precious silver, then you will delight in the Almighty" (Job. 22: 24-25).** It is when the disciples who were disappointed and guilty looked at the holy face of Jesus that they became joyful. **"The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord" (Jn. 20:21).** True happiness and peace lie in God. Therefore, every person must have a desire to seek God and to fill his heart with celestial joy. **"Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord" (Lam. 3:40).** The presence of the Almighty and His visitation in a person's life brings him everlasting joy. With the birth of Jesus, that joy is given to every individual on earth irrespective of his caste or creed, as his birth right. **"I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a saviour who is the messiah, the Lord" (Lk. 2:11).** On allowing this Messiah to come into every aspect of life, all our personal pain and sorrow will turn into songs of joy. The divine words of Jesus make it clear to us, **"So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice and no one will take your joy from you" (Jn.**

**16:22).** Jesus is able to give joy and peace that the world can not give and it is only Jesus who can give that. **“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you as the world gives” (Jn.14:27).** In the mighty name of Jesus there is peace, joy, healing and salvation.....

Let all our running about struggle be for Jesus. **“Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well” (Mt. 6:33).** When you receive a gold medal in the kingdom of God, your heart will be filled with everlasting joy. **“For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit” (Rom. 14:17)**