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If I could live my life as Eric Henry Liddell, I would be satisfied in knowing that my life had been worthwhile. I want my life to be exciting, but I don't want to forsake my beliefs in the process. This is how I see Eric's life. Ever since I saw the movie "Chariots of Fire," Eric Liddell has been my role model, and more than once, he has been my source of inspiration.

In the 1924 Olympics, Eric Liddell won a gold medal in the 400 meter dash. This alone is not remarkable, however, his best event was the 100m dash and he refused to run it because the trials were to be run on Sunday—the day God set aside for the Sabbath. Eric held so strongly to this belief that he ran a race that he had no chance of winning—and he won in a world record time! His faith proved the Old Testament quote "He that honors me, I will honor," and it showed me what should be considered most important.

After the Olympics, Eric could have had all the fame and glory that comes with being a champion. Instead, he chose to follow in his parents' footsteps and become a missionary in China.

Eric's career ended in the field. He died from complications after a stroke in an internment camp. Eric's life touched many people and his Christian beliefs inspired many more. He was often found giving talks at Christian Evangelical meetings. I adore his deep faith and the fact that he was never afraid to witness to it. I hope some day that people can say the same about me.

I feel that Eric's life is an ideal because he never gave up. He remained steadfast during political upheaval in China in the late 1930's and he was willing to risk his life again and a-