

## Discipline for the *Skier*

In the 1994 Winter Olympics held in Norway, 23-year-old skier Tommy Moe of the United States became the first American male skier to win two medals in a single Winter Olympics, with a gold in the downhill and silver in the Super G at Kvitfjell ski resort.

Moe had shown great potential for years, but according to *Sports Illustrated*, he had a penchant for smoking pot and drinking. In 1986, as a 15-year-old, he was invited to be a part of the U.S. ski team. But when the coaches learned that he had sneaked out of camp to smoke pot, they kicked him off the team.

Moe's father, an Alaskan construction worker, decided his son needed some discipline and he ordered him to come to Alaska. There he put Moe to work.

Moe was on the job at 4 a.m. and he labored under the Alaskan sun for 12 to 16 hours a day during the long days of Arctic summer. "I worked his rear end off," said Tom Sr. "And then I asked him if he'd rather be doing this or if he'd rather be skiing with the team in Argentina. That straightened him out."

His son recalls, "It was mental torture, bad news. It humbled me up pretty fast."

Moe got serious about ski racing quickly, leading to his championship accomplishments. He retired from international competition after the 1998 season and lives in Wilson, Wyo., serving as an ambassador of skiing at nearby Jackson Hole Mountain Resort.

Fathers know that children sometimes need discipline and that discipline is hard. But it yields big results.



We can expect the same tough love from our Heavenly Father.

*My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; for whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives (Hebrews 12:5-6).*

– Beecher Hunter