

## Handling Heisman-like Hype

### Acts 14:8-22

Beware of success and the applause of crowds because such hype is always inflated, incidental, and only lasts for an instant.

#### Razzle and Dazzle

- The Impossible ...  
... Becomes Possible

#### Acclaim and Fame

- Crowd's Applause ...
- Apostles' Response ...

##### 1. Hype is Inflated!

"When everybody's feeding you the cheese, it is hard not to eat it. But don't eat the cheese: you're never as good as people say you are. Always strive to improve yourself ... Ignore other opinions – Press or TV, agents or advisors, family or wives, friends or relatives, fans or hangers on – they don't know what's happening." —Bill Parcells

So grow in humility now!

"It is NOT sin that humbles most but grace, and that is the soul led through its sinfulness to be occupied with God, in his wonderful glory as Creator & Redeemer, that will truly take the lowest place before Him." —Andrew Murray

##### 2. Hype is Incidental!

So honor God if praised!

##### 3. Hype is for an Instant!

"No. Because I also was, as you just mentioned, at one time over 90 percent. I didn't take it seriously then. I didn't take it seriously when I left office. Somebody walked up to me the other day & said 'Congratulations. Your popularity is way up since you left office.' And my answer was, 'So what?' I mean if you chase popularity, you're chasing a moment. You're chasing a poof of air."

– George Bush

So stay on Kingdom Mission!