

Success

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Col. 3:23

Concept: Success is determined by so much more than winning and losing. Scoring more points does not equate success and scoring fewer points doesn't make you a loser. Success is about what's inside the basketball player, what's inside his character.

Who are the real winners? Everyone wants to be a winner, on the playing field, in the classroom and in life. The message repeated to us from society is that winning is everything. What does it mean to win? And who are the real winners in life? The Bible helps tell us what makes a winner. Some of the qualities that make a winner are:

1. Winners have their priorities straight -- “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matt. 6:33)
 2. Winners stay in shape -- “For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.” (I Tim. 4:8)
 3. Winners do their best -- “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.” (Col. 3:23)
 4. Winners know the source of their strength -- “Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit” says the Lord Almighty (Zach. 4:6)
- (All taken from the Power of Competing, A Bible for Athletes.)

Quotes:

“How a person plays the game shows something of his character. How he or she loses shows all of it.”

“The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary.”

“The quitter never wins. The winner never quits.”