

HOW TO WIN WITH OTHERS

Home Run Life—Part 3

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“I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” Romans 12:1-2 (NIV) pg. 789

I. GETTING IN SCORING POSITION (In Principle)

A. Know what counts, so we know what to count.

Principles That Bring Perspective

1. God is God and I’m not.

“I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, ‘My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.’” Isaiah 46:9-10(NIV) pg. 506

“Surely the nations are like a drop in the bucket. Before Him all the nations are nothing.” Isaiah 40:15, 17 (NIV) pg. 500

2. Our life is brief and our insight limited.

“You do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.” James 4:14 (NIV) pg. 849

3. Stuff is temporal but souls are eternal.

“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.” 2 Peter 3:10 (NIV) pg. 854

“I am the resurrection and the life....Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.” John 11:25-26 (NLT) pg. 749

“These people will go off to be punished forever. But the good people will go to live forever.” Matthew 25:46 (ICB) pg. 695

II. GETTING IN SCORING POSITION (In Practice)

“Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” Ephesians 5:1-2 (NIV) pg. 816

Three Ways We Can Love Like God Loves

1. Keep our word.

“God is not like people. He tells no lies. He is not like humans. He doesn’t change His mind. When He says something, He does it. When He makes a promise, He keeps it.” Numbers 23:19 (GWT) pg. 110

2. Keep our calendar aligned with our relationships.

“Suppose a believer, whether a man or a woman, needs clothes or food and one of you tells that person, ‘God be with you! Stay warm, and make sure you eat enough.’ If you don’t provide for that person’s physical needs, what good does it do?” James 2:15-16 (GWT) pg. 848

3. Keep short accounts.

“Watch out that no bitterness takes root among you, for as it springs up it causes deep trouble, hurting many in their spiritual lives.” Hebrews 12:15 (TLB) pg. 845

III. GETTING IN SCORING POSITION (In Response)