

HOW TO WIN WITH GOD ON MISSION

Home Run Life—Part 5

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TEXT: “What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. If we are ‘out of our mind,’ as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.”

2 Corinthians 5:11-20 (NIV) pg. 805

THREE CHARACTERISTICS OF A HOME RUN LIFE

1. We’re convinced of the reality of eternal life.

“We are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.”

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 (NIV) pg. 805

“God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them.”

2 Corinthians 5:19 (NIV) pg. 805

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) pg. 805

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

Romans 12:2 (NIV) pg. 789

2. We’re compelled by the love of God.

“If we are ‘out of our mind,’ as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.”

2 Corinthians 5:13-14 (NIV) pg. 805

3. We’re committed to being ambassadors.

“He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us.”

2 Corinthians 5:19-20 (NIV) pg. 805

“Let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”

Matthew 5:16 (NLT) pg. 677

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16 (NLT) pg. 741