

Following in Jesus' Footsteps

Ready:

?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.? 1 Timothy 4:8 (NIV)

Set

The freshmen football team opened their season with a 16-14 win. Even though the game was called at halftime due to storms their momentum would likely have carried them through the second half. They didn't look like a newly formed freshmen squad. Their footwork specifically was like that of a more progressed team. Sure, there were a couple of plays and other things that needed to be corrected, but the practice they'd put in showed up in the way they played the game. There were well-executed routes, wonderful kicks, a quarterback who stood his ground, an NFL-like catch, a fantastic run and a blocking wall that was picture perfect. These kids were putting into the game what they had learned in practice, and they were able to face a strong adversary because their feet were ready and steady. Right along with their hearts and heads.

Just as footwork is key to developing as a football player, it is also key for us when developing our walk with Jesus. Every day we must listen to our Coach and stay in step with Him, letting Him guide us through a plan that will help us and the entire team. Because God has the master plan and knows what specific purpose we were made for, letting our feet move us into that path opens up all kinds of opportunities.

Every player on a team has an important part, but it takes cooperation from the entire group to make an excellent, victorious team. Individual athletes do their best and then trust that their strong team can help cover their weaknesses and develop their strengths. As Christians, Jesus covers all our weaknesses and helps us walk in spiritual strength so that even when it seems the opponent is winning we know that we can still do all things through Him (Philippians 4:13).

Throughout the process, pay close attention to your footwork. The more you walk like Christ the more you will be able to have the victory God designed just for you. Pray that you will develop skillful footwork with Jesus and stay in sync with Him step by step and that you will be able to make the right moves naturally in each situation.

Go

1. Are you focused on improving your walk with God to achieve victory in life?
2. How do practice walking like Jesus and developing spiritual footwork?
3. What can you do to strengthen your skills?

Workout Romans 8:32 Galatians 5:25 Philippians 4:13

Bible Reference:

Philippians 4



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