

Give Me Credit

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Ready:

"For who makes you so superior? What do you have that you didn't receive? If, in fact, you did receive it, why do you boast as if you hadn't received it?" –1 Corinthians 4:7

Set

Everybody wants the glory. Why shouldn't we? It feels good to have someone say we played a good game. It feels good when someone compliments our athleticism or coaching skills. It feels good to hear our name over the loud speaker after a good play. The problem is, we didn't do anything to deserve it.

Paul told the church at Corinth that they didn't have anything they didn't receive. That means they didn't have anything at all that God did not give to them. Most of our society today has forgotten this.

How many times does a football player score a touchdown and do a celebration that draws attention to him? How often does a basketball player make a shot, then draw attention to him- or herself? How frequently does a baseball or softball player pause to watch his or her home run soar over the fence? All of this draws attention to people who don't deserve the glory. God provided everything we have. He gave us birth. He gave us talents. If He gave us the talent to score a touchdown, a three-point shot, or a home run, why do we not give Him the credit?

Go

1. Who received the glory the last time someone complimented you on a good game?
2. Who gave you the talents you have?
3. How many times do you give God the credit for blessing you with your talents?

Workout

1 Corinthians 1:30-31; 2 Corinthians 9:10-11; James 1:16-18

Overtime

Father, thank You for giving me life. Thank You for giving me the ability to glorify You on the athletic field and for using me to build Your kingdom. I pray that my performance will glorify You alone. I don't want to accept any of the credit for what You will do. Help me to continually point others to You. Amen.

Bible Reference:

James 1



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