

## **Accuracy**

### **Ready:**

*“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord!’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of My Father in heaven.” – Matthew 7:21*

### **Set**

It was a shock when the International Cricket Council (ICC) announced the West Indies star off-spinner Sunil Narine and Pakistan off-spinner Saeed Ajmal would not play in the 2015 Cricket World Cup after rejection of their suspect bowling actions. Many experts pointed out why the ICC took charge against these players just before the World Cup, but why weren't they banned early in their careers?

The ICC has been taking action against bowlers who are not accurate in their professional approach. What a great reminder this is for Christians to work on their basics – both in sport and in their relationship with Jesus. We can learn from the situations of Narine and Ajmal by remembering the importance accuracy. Paying attention to the basics can lead not only to success in sport, but also to a strong connection with the Lord Jesus. A focused attitude helps provide a gateway to achieve the highest in all areas of life.

The Bible teaches us to lead a single-minded life with one purpose and one goal – to love God. Christ set a good example by spending time with His Father in prayer and seeking to obey His Father's will in His life. Remember, inaccuracy may provide temporary joy in sports, but spiritual accuracy can bring the ultimate reward – eternal life.

### **Go**

1. Why do you think accuracy so important?
2. What type of benefits would you, your family, and your community get as a result of your focus on accuracy?
3. What practical steps would you like to take to develop your accuracy in sports and your relationship with the Lord Jesus?

### **Workout**

Luke 10:25-37

Acts 19:11-20

Revelation 3:14-22

2 Timothy 2:1-26

### **Overtime**

*Father, help me to shine for You so others may see Your reflection in my life. Amen.*

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