

## **Best Verses Best**

### **Ready:**

“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.”

-Proverbs 27:17

### **Set**

Often times, a victory might be determined by the game within the game. Can our left tackle keep their defensive end off of our quarterback? Can our closer strike out their best hitter? Can our off-guard shut down their "go-to" guy?

We spend a lot of time in practice doing individual drills and one-on-one drills. In our one-on-ones we want to go "best-versus-best"; we don't want one of our starters going against a second-string player because he is not challenged as much. He does not improve from the situation.

When we go best-versus-best, we quickly find a player's weaknesses--the flaws in his technique--so that we can correct them. We also see who is going to rise to the top, whom we can depend upon when the game is on the line.

The game is on the line. God needs to know whether or not you are dependable, if you will rise to the top, and if He can depend on you to carry out His will. He also wants to find your flaws and your weaknesses so that He can correct them. A great way to do this is to get some Christian accountability, a.k.a. one-on-one time with a friend. We all need accountability--someone to share our struggles with, someone to pray for us, someone who will make us better Christians. We all need sharpening, no matter how long we've been saved. And one man truly does sharpen another.

### **Go**

1. Who makes you a better Christian?

2. With whom do you share your most difficult struggles? Whom do you go to during difficult times?

3. Is there someone that you have committed to praying for and who prays for you? How often do you meet and pray with them?

### **Workout**

Proverbs 17:17

Proverbs 18:24

Proverbs 27:17

### **Bible Reference:**

Proverbs 27



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