

## **The Link**

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### **Ready:**

"Based on the gift they have received, everyone should use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God." — 1 Peter 4:10

### **Set**

Football players at Virginia Tech carry on a meaningful tradition. Each offensive player carries a chain link that symbolizes the teamwork they exhibit both on and off the field, as well as the responsibility each player has to work toward the success of the team.

I have adopted this tradition at the high school at which I now coach football; however, our chain link is symbolic of several biblical principles rather than simply inspiration for team victory. We carry our chain link to every practice and game as a reminder that each player is significant, valuable, important, and dependent upon the others not only for success on the football field but in our walk with Jesus Christ.

Participating on a team, whether as a coach, manager, trainer, or player, is a privilege that carries great responsibility. Each member must do his or her part to serve others. The same principle is true in every area of life. Using our gifts and talents for the good of our neighbors, coworkers, family members, and church fellowship is necessary for the good of all. Each believer is uniquely gifted to glorify God, but we must utilize our gifts on the team of life.

### **Go**

1. Are you using your talent and gifts to assure the success of others?
2. Are you modeling selfless, sacrificial servanthood to your players?
3. Are you encouraging your players to use their gifts for the good of others?

### **Workout**

Extra Reading: Romans 12:1–8; 1 Corinthians 12:12–31

### **Overtime**

Heavenly Father, thank You for making me a part of Your team by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. I pray I would be a team player, living dependent upon Christ and interdependently with God's people, serving others with my gifts and talent for their good and Your glory. Amen.



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