

## **Personal Best**

### **Ready:**

*"which our respectable parts do not need. Instead, God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the less honorable, so that there would be no division in the body, but that the members would have the same concern for each other. So if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and individual members of it." -1 Corinthians 12:24-27*

### **Set**

What position is the most important in the game of football? What about in volleyball? And in baseball? There is a common misconception in team sports that the most important position on a team is the one that is played by the person who gets the most headlines or touches the ball the most. However, these are not always the most important roles on a team.

So what is the most important? The answer is simple: It's the one that you have been asked to play. God's Word states that whatever you are asked to do, you should do it with all your might (see Ecclesiastes 9:10).

If you are playing offensive guard and you don't block your assignment, the whole team pays the price. If you are a second-stringer and you don't put forth your best effort in practice, the whole team suffers. In volleyball, the hitters will never even touch the ball without a good pass from the back row.

Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 12 that a body cannot function as it was designed to without its many parts working together. We should not consider one part of the body to be more important than another, nor should we believe that the role we have been asked to play is insignificant.

In both sports and life, the most important role is the one that you are asked to play. It is significant. Give your best each and every play. The team is depending on you!

### **Go**

1. What is your role on your team or in your line of work? What is your role in life?
2. Have you ever felt that your role wasn't important? Have you considered why your role would even exist if it wasn't important?
3. According to Scripture, how should your attitude change regarding your role in life?

### **Workout**

1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Colossians 3:17, 23-24

## Overtime

*"Lord, thank You that I am on Team Jesus Christ. You have blessed me with gifts and talents, and I want to use them on Your team. I am grateful that I am one of a kind and that nobody else can play the role I can. Thank You, Jesus, for blessing me and giving me the privilege to serve. Amen"*

## Bible Reference:

Colossians 3



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