Right or Left?

Ready:

"But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property. However, he kept back part
of the proceeds with his wife's knowledge, and brought a portion of it and laid it at the
apostles' feet. 'Ananias,' Peter asked, 'why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit
and keep back part of the proceeds from the land?'" -- Acts 5:1-3

Set

When I played little league football, my team had an undefeated season. Not a single team
even scored against us. Not bad for 8-year-olds! After our games, our coach would hand out
the coveted "110%" helmet stickers to players who had played with all their heart and had
given that extra effort on the field.

As competitors, we can sometimes be tempted to hold back what is God's for our own
pleasure. But God wants us to give Him what is right, not what's left. In Luke 6:38, Jesus says:

Give, and it will be given to you; a good measure — pressed down, shaken together, and
running over — will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured
back to you.

Ananias gave what was left, not what was right. Abel gave what was right; Cain gave what
was left. God is not honored by our leftovers. The challenge when competing is to surrender
all of your talents, gifts and abilities to become more like Christ on and off the field.

Go

- How can you make sure that you always give God what is right?
- In what ways can you give your team everything you have during practice and
  competition?

Workout

Leviticus 23:10

1 Timothy 6:7-9

Overtime

"Lord, it is hard to surrender all my abilities for You. Please renew my mind and help me to give You 100 percent of the glory when I compete. Amen."

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