

The Right Stuff

Ready:

"There is not a righteous man on earth who does what is right and never sins."

-Ecclesiastes 7:20

Set

In week 14 of the 2006 NFL season the Miami Dolphins defense harassed quarterback Tom Brady and the New England Patriots offense to the tune of four sacks, three lost fumbles -- two by Brady -- zero points and 187 yards. It was the worst offensive showing for the Patriots all year. "We just couldn't do anything right," Brady said after the 21-0 loss.

I'm sure we've all had competitions where we've wound up feeling like Tom Brady, like we just couldn't seem to do two right things in a row. Fortunately, there are also those performances where we feel like we are unstoppable, and those balance out the bad ones.

The "balance" between doing right and wrong doesn't hold water when it comes to entering into a relationship with God, because the Bible says that "all have sinned" (Rom. 3:23) and that "the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). Therefore, as sinners against God, we all justly deserve to spend eternity in Hell. However, the good news is that Jesus Christ came to earth on a rescue mission to free us from the penalty of our sins and to offer eternal life to all who put their faith in Him (John 3:16).

The world of sports is a performance-based system where your acceptance depends upon how good you are, especially in the higher levels. But in God's economy, you cannot earn acceptance into His Kingdom, it is simply a matter of receiving the gift of His grace ? His Son Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9). Have you put your faith in Jesus Christ and asked Him to forgive you for your sins? If not, I encourage you to pick up the Bible and start with the passages listed in this devotion and ask God to teach you His message. Get right with God today!

Go

1. When have you felt like you couldn't do anything right in competition? How did others treat you because of it?
2. How do you get right with God? (Romans 3:19-24)
3. If you died today, are you confident that you would be with the Lord? Why or why not?

Workout

Psalm 14:1-3
Luke 16:19-31
John 1:8 - 2:2

John 3:36

Bible Reference:

Ephesians 2



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