

## What We Leave Behind

### **Ready:**

“For all flesh is like grass, and all its glory like a flower of the grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures forever.” - 1 Peter 1:24-25a

**Set** As a student athlete who recently graduated, I understand what it’s like to come to terms with life after college athletics. It’s not an easy process to accept that your time of competing for your school is over. With a new class of athletes, it can be disappointing to see that you have been easily replaced. It’s a hard pill to swallow, often coated with a dose of pride. And all those statistics and awards that were such a big deal are quickly erased by another player. But in the mist of the transition, one thing remains constant: the influence we leave behind on our teammates, coaches and even opponents. Knowing that far surpasses any achievement on the field! We often focus so much time and energy into our sport, even though it will eventually come to an end, while we neglect the influence God desires us to have on those around us. God’s glory can be reflected in everything we do as an athlete: on the field, on the bench, in the locker room. And the impact His glory has on others, unlike our performance, will last forever. God’s hand is upon us, so let’s seek opportunities to reflect His name in every area of our lives and leave behind an imprint that never fades.

**Go** 1. How do you a measure a successful career? 2. What do you measure it up against? 3. In what areas do you feel God is calling you to reflect Him more?

**Workout** 1 Peter 3:15 Isaiah 40



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