

## **Who Do They Think They Are?**

### **Ready:**

"Now as we have many parts in one body, and all the parts do not have the same function, in the same way we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another." —Romans 12:4-5

### **Set**

NFL, NBA, MLB, and other professional and college sports are filled with athletes who have lost the concept of being a part of a team. If the team wins, great, but they want to get their glory first and foremost. Who do these athletes think they are?

No matter what team you are on, every player or person on the team has a role and very few have the same function. Every player's function is vital to the success of the team. You might think your role is more important than someone else's, but if everyone thought that way, what kind of team would you have? Every sport has a certain number of players who—when meshed in harmony with all their different talents, gifts, and abilities—create an outcome. Sometimes it all comes together and becomes something magical, other times it will become quite forgettable, but no matter the outcome, it's always as a team.

It is vitally important that we all use our gifts together for God's glory. We all have different functions that we bring to the table spiritually that can benefit God's kingdom. No matter what you think of your role on God's team, He thinks it is extremely important. So next time you think your role in God's glorious plan is more important than someone else's, remember their role was given to them to serve the Lord just as yours was given to you. Let us continue to blend in unity with all the various gifts given to become what God's ultimate team will be one day . . . one body in Him. Remember, God sees value in you as a part of His team.

### **Go**

1. Why do some athletes think they are more entitled than others? Have you ever felt that way? Have you ever put yourself down as a member of a team or an athlete? Why?
2. Why should we show appreciation for others' gifts in God's kingdom?
3. Daily, how can I use my gift to be a blessing in the body of Christ?

### **Workout**

1 Corinthians 12:12-20; Ephesians 4:4,16

### **Overtime**

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving me special, unique gifts and abilities. I pray that I would

use them to bring You all the glory. Amen.



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