

## **The Easy Choice**

### **Ready:**

A good name is to be chosen over great wealth; favor is better than silver and gold.—Proverbs 22:1

### **Set**

Susie and Sally were twins. Both were great athletes, both went to church, and both had a choice to make. After a game, the girls went to a party where “everyone” was there. The party got pretty crazy, and throughout the night Susie and Sally were offered many things.

Many athletes today say they follow Christ, but don’t live a godly lifestyle. Fame sets in and Christ takes a backseat or worse—gets stuffed in the trunk and is never taken out again. These athletes choose living in the world’s view of success rather than in God’s view. God asks us to choose holy living and maintain a good reputation and good character. It is far better to be sanctified than sinful, righteous than rich, spiritually convicted than cool, and prayerful than popular.

Susie said no to everything she was offered. She continued to play well and was offered a full athletic scholarship to a great school. Sally took another path. She thought that in order to be accepted, she had to fit in. Sally not only lost her good reputation, but was also eventually dismissed from her team for misconduct. Two sisters; two choices; two results. Which choice will you make?

### **Go**

1. Do you lower your standards to try to fit in?
2. How can you start choosing to maintain a good reputation over anything this world has to offer?

### **Workout**

Proverbs 3:3-6; Ecclesiastes 7:1a; Colossians 3:17; Titus 1:15-16

### **Overtime**

Your standards. I pray that the Holy Spirit will instruct and guide me when I am faced with decisions that could compromise my reputation. Thank You, Lord. Amen.

### **Bible Reference:**

Titus 1



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