

Morning Lesson

CHRISTIANITY IS A TEAM SPORT

Rom. 12:3-5

INTRO:

1. I played basketball in junior high and didn't make the cut in high school.
2. I could have practiced and practiced until I could make foul shots with my eyes closed and hit shots from all over the court, however, that would be on an empty court.
3. The point of basketball is not to be good at shooting in an empty gym. It's about teaming up with four other people to defeat five opponents.

I. CHRISTIANITY IS A TEAM SPORT.

- A. Christianity is not just about getting good at observing religion on our own.
- B. The Christian life is about giving ourselves up for God's purposes in the context of a family.
- C. The gifts and strengths God has given each of us were given to bless and strengthen others. **Rom. 12:1-7; 1 Cor. 12:4- 11.24.25; Eph. 4:11-16**
- D. For the weaknesses I have, He's blessed me with a family who can build me up and strengthen me. **Gal. 6:1-2; Heb. 3:12-13**

II. HOW DOES THIS WORK?

- A. In practical terms, this means we stop thinking individually and start thinking of ourselves as part of a family.
- B. **Rom. 12:15; James 5:16; Gal. 6:1-2**

CONC:

1. God certainly saves people, but He also is saving *a* people, the church.
2. Where we read and apply the New Testament as individuals, He calls us to read and apply it together.
3. I need to work on my relationship with God, of course, but not forget to take that growth found on the practice court and bring it to the team game that is Christianity.