

Evening Lesson

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM FOOTBALL?

Rom. 12:11

INTRO:

1. Paul knew nothing about football, but he did know the athletic world of his day. **1 Cor.9:24-27**
2. The world has a passion for its interests and the church should have an even greater passion for her mission.
3. Sports and leisure can occupy too great a place in our lives. **2 Tim. 3:4**
4. Certain qualities of sport are magnified as elements that produce winning programs.

I. EXECUTING THE PLAN.

- A. The work of the church is to serve the Lord. **Rom. 12:11; 1 Tim. 3:15; Rom. 1:16**
- B. When everyone follows the same word, unity is achieved. **John 17:20, 21**
- C. God's people have no other standard but his word.
- D. We cannot do better than following the wisdom of God. **1Cor. 2:4, 5**

II. EACH PERSON DOING HIS JOB.

- A. How many times have you heard a coach discussing a breakdown in play as being the result of players not doing their job?
- B. God speaks of the church as a body with individual members that each has a role. **1 Cor. 12:12-27; Eph.4:15 16**
- C. All Christians have a job and when it isn't done the body suffers.

III. GIVING 110%.

- A. Coaches talk about players giving 110%.
- B. What would happen if that was true in the church?
- C. God says to give it our all. **Eccl. 9, 10; Col. 3:23, 24; 1 Pet.1:22**

CONC:

1. Spiritual pursuits are far more important than any earthly venture.