

Bad Game - Diligence

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READY: "I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without Me." -John 15:5

SET: Have you ever had a bad game? One in which your shots just weren't falling, or when you had a hard time completing a pass? How about one in which your pitches were off? The list could go on and on.

Everyone has had those games when, no matter how hard you try, it seems as if nothing goes your way. It's a part of athletics; it's a part of life.

No one likes to perform poorly, but it's in these moments when God is clearly seen. We must recognize that even our best efforts are ultimately useless without the Lord; we can accomplish nothing without Him. We can also learn another thing from these times--that all of our abilities, our talents, everything we have is a blessing and that they can all be taken away.

As you begin a new year, I encourage you to look to the Lord when hard times come, to recognize the blessings that we all too often take for granted. Keep your eyes on Christ no matter how things are going and know that He is always there, always looking out for you.

GO:

1. When was the last time you had a bad game?
2. Did you get angry, or did you try to learn from it?
3. How can you focus on what God wants to tell you through a tough game or difficult situation in life?

WORKOUT:

Nahum 1:7
Proverbs 3:5-6
John 16:33
Romans 8:28

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