

Grade 11- Role of Sport in my Christian Walk Paper

Participation in sports can develop character in areas of learning discipline, learning to properly handle disappointment and praise, learning to sacrifice for the good of the team, learning the value of hard work and perseverance and learning to respect and obey authority. Participation in sports can be a way for an athlete to use his God-given abilities and talents for His glory (I Corinthians 10:31). The Apostle Paul often used athletic examples to illustrate spiritual truths, the Scriptures themselves neither endorse nor condemn participation in sports. Here are some examples

Acts 13:25 - "...while John was completing his course"

Acts 20:24 - "...so that I may finish my course"

Romans 9:16 - "...the man who runs"

I Corinthians 9:24 - "...those who run in a race all run...run in such a way that you may win"

I Corinthians 9:25 - "...compete in the games"

I Corinthians 9:26 - "...run in such a way...box in such a way"

I Corinthians 9:27 - "...discipline my body"

Galatians 2:2 - "...I might be running or had run in vain"

Galatians 5:7 - "...you were running well"

Philippians 2:16 - "...I did not run in vain nor toil in vain"

Philippians 3:14 - "...I press on toward the goal for the prize"

I Timothy 1:18 - "...fight the good fight"

I Timothy 6:12 - "...fight the good fight of faith"

II Timothy 4:7 - "...fought the good fight, I have finished the course"

Hebrews 12:1 - "...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us"

Assignment: Typed 2-4 page paper (12 font, double spaced) answering the following questions.

Please include sources. **Due June 15, 2011, please put in your Dropbox.**

1. What role should sport play in my life?
2. How do I relate to non-Christians on my team?
3. What role does/should prayer play in my preparations?
4. What can / should I do about dirty play?
5. Should I play on Sunday?
6. How do I fit both physical and spiritual training in?
7. What are effective ways to witness to:
 - a. team mates
 - b. coaches
 - c. opponents
 - d. umpires
 - e. spectators
8. How do I cope with winning or losing? (do I pray to win)
9. What priority should sport have in my life?