

A Champion Skater

Paul S. Wylie is an American figure skater and 1992 Olympic silver medalist. After the Olympics, he joined the professional skating ranks, won the 1992 U.S. Open Professional Championship and the 1993 World Professional Figure Skating Championships.



Wylie toured with Stars on Ice from 1992 to 1998 before retiring to attend Harvard Business School and work in the corporate world, including some time with The Walt Disney Company.

Wylie and his wife, Kate, and their three children currently reside in Charlotte, N.C., where he previously worked with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. He now runs a sports-related travel agency, and is coaching figure skaters at the Extreme Ice Center in Indian Trail, N.C.

His mother always wanted Wylie to be a minister, but he believes he does not possess the gifts required for pastoral ministry. But he insists that whether he is performing on the ice or helping people with their travel needs, he can serve his Savior, Jesus Christ.

“I think that every Christian is called to be a minister in his place of work,” Wylie said. “So I try to be a minister wherever I am. When people come up to me and ask me questions, I tell them the truth.”

And Wylie is right. Whether we are figure skaters, homemakers, mechanics, bankers, nurses, certified nursing assistants, executive directors, or have some other job, we can serve Christ. The New Testament does not assign the task of ministry only to those who are officially recognized as pastors.

The 12th chapter of First Corinthians indicates that every believer is spiritually equipped for some kind of service.

No matter how small it may seem, our work for Christ has great value.

– Beecher Hunter