

Cheering Both Sides

A man attending a major league baseball game caused a lot of commotion with the people around him. No matter which team made a hit or a run, the fan would cheer. Finally, someone asked him, "Why are you rooting for both teams?"

The man explained, "Well, I live way out in the country and I don't get to many games, so I pull for both sides. That way, no matter who wins, I go home happy."

That is an unusual approach for a sports spectator, to be sure. Virtually all who attend an athletic event do so because of loyalty to one of the teams or individual participants. They won't root for both sides.

In the spiritual realm, however, that's exactly what we do if we talk and act like a Christian when we are around fellow believers but behave as if we don't know Jesus when we are with unbelievers. Such actions may indicate that we really are not sure which side is right, or that we lack the courage to be identified with Christ.

The same principle applies to our work in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home. Let's not be wishy-washy about our values and performance. We know what is right and what we should do for the sake of our residents and the benefit of the entire team. So let's do it.

--Beecher Hunter