

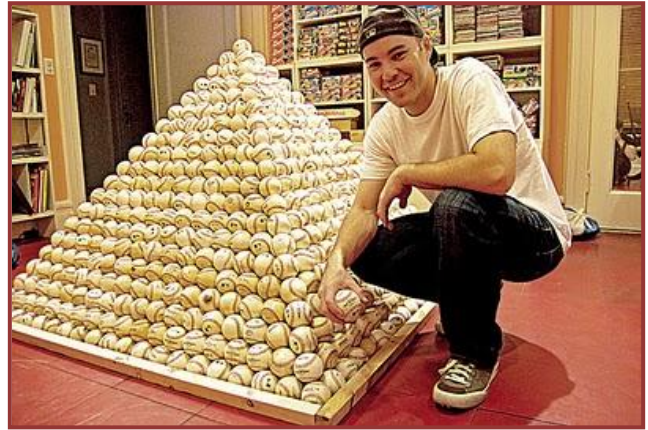
The Hunt for Baseballs

In *The Baseball* (Anchor Books 2011), author Zack Hample details his rather extreme pursuit of balls used in Major League baseball games and practices.

At publication, the self-professed ballhawk had snagged 4,662 baseballs at 48 different parks across the country. In addition to chasing them down himself, nearly 1,700 players and coaches had given him baseballs.

Not since 1993 had Hample left a ballpark without at least one baseball.

One word: Wow!



But the story raises the question: To what extent will you go to search out God, to find the peace and comfort that only He can provide?

In Psalm 42:1, David is as eager to experience God's presence as "a deer longs for streams of water." In the next verse, David says, "I thirst for God, the living God." This is no half-hearted pursuit of the Lord; it's an all-out search.

We are filled with all kinds of different passions, whether it be our jobs, our hobbies, or something else. And we'll often go to great lengths to get what we want.

Apply that same kind of passionate drive to your walk with Christ, and the reward will truly be satisfying.

One result will be a higher level of contentment arising from our work with caring for His frail and infirm children, our residents.

Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are blessed, for they will be filled (Matthew 5:6).

– Beecher Hunter