

Winning and Losing

The goal of many professional athletes can be summed up in Vince Lombardi's comment, "Winning isn't everything – it's the only thing!"

A ball club can outplay its opponents for most of a game, but, according to this persuasion, if it loses in the final minutes, their earlier efforts mean little. Winning is what counts.

Another view is reflected in a slogan I saw as a boy in school. A large poster on the gymnasium wall read, "When all of life is over and the great Judge calls your name, it'll matter not whether you won or lost, but how you played the game."

A third approach is more in keeping with the Christian outlook in the game of life. Wanting to achieve and to win is not wrong. When it comes to real success, however, we may need to experience some losses in order to gain God's approval. It won't be easy to sacrifice time, money and friends to serve Christ. But if we do it willingly out of love for Him, we will discover that winning the approval of men now isn't worthy of being compared with the glory of winning the praise of God later.

In Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, we have the distinct privilege – as well as the great responsibility – of serving God by caring for His children. We please Him by fulfilling that mission well.

Whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it (Matthew 16:25).

--Beecher Hunter