

TEAM SPORTS devotions

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Good Sportsmanship Makes a Difference

Galatians 5:22-23a, Philippians 2:4, Titus 3:3-5



What are some examples of good sportsmanship? A good sportsman respects his coaches and referees. His words are kind. He doesn't use mean words to embarrass the other team. A good sportsman plays a clean game. He doesn't try to hurt or injure other players. If he is treated disrespectfully by the other team, he doesn't try to get even. He respectfully high fives the other team at the end of the game whether his team wins or not.



But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23a



How is showing good sportsmanship being kind? God's word says, "Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others." Philippians 2:4 ICB **When you are interested in the lives of others, how does that help you show good sportsmanship?**



God's word says, "At one time we too acted like fools. We didn't obey God... We wanted what belongs to others... But the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared. He saved us. It wasn't because of the good things we had done. It was because of his mercy. He saved us by washing away our sins. We were born again. The Holy Spirit gave us new life." Titus 3:3-5 **How did God show us kindness? If you show kindness to others through good sportsmanship, how can it make a difference on our team?**

PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank you for the kindness you showed when you saved us by washing away our sins and giving us new life. Please help us show kindness through good sportsmanship, making a difference on our team. Amen.