
Super Fanatics (a.k.a. “Fans”) by Gene McCoy

The big game captures the attention of countless fanatics every February. Many churches plan their calendars, resigned to the devotion of fanatics in the church.

It is **THE** topic of conversation. Billions of dollars are invested in commercials that generate as much interest as the game itself.

Consider the impact upon the world if Christians were as fanatical about the Lord and His church. If Christians were as

=Knowledgeable of the

players and the plays (evangelistic methods)

=Familiar with the play book (Bible knowledge)

=Prepared to defend against the opponent's offense (wise to Satan's

loys and how to thwart them)

=Passionate about the franchise (the Kingdom) and dedicated to the team (the congregation)

=Willing to spend and be spent (financially committed and withstand unfavorable conditions)

=Enthusiastic and exuberant in expressing excitement (singing,

encouraging, celebrating)

=Display unashamedly the team colors and gear (fruit of the Spirit)

The outcome of the big game has no eternal significance. The players will soon be forgotten and will live to play again. The glory will soon fade as seasons come and go.

The winners of the big game receive a beautiful trophy, memorializing a hero of the game (Lombardi). We receive a cross and are promised a crown! Read 1 Pet. 1:3-9 and 1 Cor. 9:24-27 and be fanatical ■
