

West Valley Church of Christ – January 21, 2024

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Devotional: 6:30 p.m.

RUN TO GET THE PRIZE



When I coached T-Ball we did not keep score. Not officially, at least. The closest we came to keeping track was limiting the number of runs allowed: each inning both teams batted until they made three outs or scored seven times. The point of not keeping score was to give the young players an opportunity to learn the

basics of the game. However, there does come a time when we are ready to start keeping score and collecting stats. It is the same way in business and in life. We need to make a habit of keeping score in certain areas and keeping track of where we are in order to get to where we want to be. It is why we check our bank balances during the month, and it is why, if we are wise, we evaluate our progress in the less tangible areas of life. No one stumbles into holiness accidentally. Sustained spiritual growth takes effort (2 Peter 2:5). Of course without the grace of God and the blood of Christ we would have no eternal hope of heaven in spite of our effort. I Corinthians 9:24-25, 24 “Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. 25 Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.” The apostle is talking about being the best we can be for the sake of the gospel.

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