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When Jesus watched the football game - posted by Lordoitagain (), on: 2009/11/24 9:15

When Jesus watched the football game,
His heart was grieved and sore.
He didn't pay attention to the touchdowns
Nor the score.

"I made them so they could know me
And bring glory to my name.
But 98 percent of them
Know more about the game.

I made them for eternity
To know my glory well,
But most of them will have to spend
Eternity in hell.

I gave them all they have
And told them: "I deserve your all".
Yet they show more excitement
Over a little game of ball."

Re: When Jesus watched the football game - posted by enid, on: 2009/11/24 9:29

Nice poem, but sadly, true at the same time.

Did you write it yourself?

Re: - posted by Lordoitagain (), on: 2009/11/24 9:49

I wrote it just this morning . . . grieved over fellow Christians showing SO MUCH excitement over "the saints" winning a game here in Louisiana. The question that weighs on my heart is "how does Jesus see the game?"

Can He get excited over scores and "victories" when the majority of the players and the watchers have more excitement over the game than they do over Him? Some of them probably go to churches faithfully yet they talk more about their team than they do their Savior.

I want to see things from an eternal perspective as the Lord does, and not the temporal. I want to be grieved about the souls who are breaking the 1st commandment and also breaking the greatest commandment. I just can't get excited about game scores.

We pray: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven". In heaven the excitement is about God. He will share His glory with no one. How can we rejoice more over game scores than over the Creator of all?

Re: - posted by enid, on: 2009/11/24 10:26

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Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2009/11/24 11:07

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A good check is to see how passionate excited we are with the toys of this world, as soon as anything makes us more excited that is not Christ himself or one of God's means to make us like His son then that need to go. Once I was at a youth meeting, and after the meeting some games and so on for just fellowship was there, it was good and nice and no harm in the games themselves, but they played with such passion and energy, I couldn't help saying to the youth pastor, when these young ones get as much energy towards Christ and His work we will have revival.

It is so easy to get excited for things that do nothing..... except a moment of emotional burst of feelings. They may be good and not sinful in themselves, the activity, but always our passion for Christ and the things of the heavenly kingdom must be MUCH more than the things we can enjoy on earth. Football is good, when played with fellowship and enjoying it for the simple thing it is. To go watch worldly men throw or kick a ball around is just stupid really. Young boys and girls watch their hero out there, they give hours and hours to practice, to make the same moves, and tricks as their hero, if our young ones and grown ups had the same attitude towards the Lord, watch him study him imitate him, his words he spoke and his love.

I find it very interesting, the word for "stars" and famous people we use is idol. and they are in every sense, if we look closely we see everything in our society, sports, entertainment, shopping, everything, is designed to take our focus, passion, love away from what matters.

Sports are big only because that reason, to get man's mind off the things that matter.

Re: When Jesus watched the football game - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/11/24 11:49

Good poem.

But I think there are more stanzas waiting to be penned by you..I will wait patiently for this to happen!

Have a good day!

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by alan4jc (), on: 2009/11/24 15:06

I just finished reading "Quiet Strength" it is the autobiography of Tony Dungy the former coach of the Indianapolis Colts. He stated that football was not his life just a job, but that he must as a Christian do that job well. I would recommend it to anyone. Tony is a brother in Christ who used his platform to glorify Christ and I believe he has done a good job of it.

Re: , on: 2009/12/30 9:30

I love the view in my country that if you're a sportsman and a Christian, then it makes you a role model for all other Christians and non-Christians too. Seems to me that being a sportsman (like a footballer or a baseballer) is more important than being a Christian.

I've been told that the mark of a good & wholesome pastor is that he should be into sports, and if he cancels Sunday services to watch a football game it shows that he is only human and not a self-righteous saint. God save us from self-righteous preachers is what healthy sports-loving pastors say!

Re: When Jesus watched the football game - posted by hoohoou (), on: 2009/12/30 19:38

This is what Ravenhill said was America's royalty, sport and entertainment. Football is the only sport I really like to watch and the Lord is really convicting me about it. In and of itself it's harmless. This is a big part of crucifying the flesh for me. It should be Christ and Christ alone.

The pastor of my church actually postponed a "revival" for a day because of the national championship game. I've also heard of a church that has TV's in the Men's Ministry room so the men can watch sports before the service starts. I understand wanting to get people in the door, but we're talking about the church. Sport really has become an idol if that's what it takes to get men to show up. It's both a personal issue as well as a corporate one. The lack of a personal, passionate walk with God produces a church that lacks fire.