



FELLOWSHIP OF
CHRISTIAN ATHLETES
BASEBALL

Gratitude

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” (Colossians 3:17)

True Competitors on the ballfield have *Gratitude*. They recognize and understand that the opportunity they have been given to play the game they love will come to an end. They know there will come a time when they must hang up the spikes.

In their devotion for athletes, coaches and parents, titled; True Competitor, Jimmy Page and Dan Britton, offer the “True Competitor Challenge.” They write that; “making this commitment to be a True Competitor will transform you into a Christ-centered, supernaturally powered difference maker – as a competitor on the field, in the locker room, and in life.”

At FCA Baseball we believe we are the Heart & Soul of Baseball! We are whole-heartedly committed - staff, leadership team, coaches, instructors, and volunteers - to providing our athletes with highly competitive teams. We believe we can be excellent both on and off the field. We can be Christian Competitors, facing every challenge on the field of competition and off the field with the face of Christ.

So what does it look like to play baseball and live life with the face of Christ? It involves possessing and playing with a spirit that honors God. Playing with *Gratitude!* In Ephesians 1:3-19, we are reminded by Paul that we are sons of the King of kings and Lord of lords. Through the grace of God we are a child of God, and because of this fact we need not live our life in fear and timidity, but instead with courage and hope.

May God give you the grace today to remember your true identity in those moments when remembering is crucial. On the field choose excellence, choose to honor God and remember who you are in His sight.

By choosing excellence and remembering your true identity your gratification for the opportunities God has presented you – both on and off the field – will pour out in ALL you do.

Challenge: Seek God and pursue a relationship with Jesus daily. Remain faithful even when it is hard. Discover your gifts and use them to glorify God. In doing so, you will remember your true identity when remembering is crucial.

Reading This Week: Ephesians 1:3-19, Colossians 3:17, 1 Samuel 17.

Prayer: Thank you Father for the opportunity to play baseball and compete. Lord, ignite in me a spirit of *Gratitude* in my life, both on and off the field. Give me the grace to remember to choose excellence in ALL I do; living in the spirit of courage and hope. Amen.

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