

Baseball Team Devotion-The Triple

Scripture Lesson: 1Corinthians 9:24-26a

One of the most exciting plays in all of baseball is the triple. It is also the play that takes the longest. Even though Andrew McCutcheon of the Pittsburgh Pirates was in the Minor Leagues for the first two and one-half months of the 2009 season, he still finished fifth in the National League in triples with 9, only 4 behind the leader Shane Victorino of the Phillies. McCutcheon, known for his speed, was able in his first week to hit 2 triples in one game against the Atlanta Braves. He can fly and added 22 stolen bases to his impressive rookie campaign. He was named a member of the Topps All-Rookie Team and is one of the cornerstones in the rebuilding project of the Pirates. He has all five tools for a baseball player, he can hit, hit for power, field, throw, and run. Can he ever run!! The closest thing to a race in baseball is the triple, as the runner races to beat the throw to third.

In our Scripture Lesson today the Apostle Paul writes to the church at Corinth these words about running a race (read the Scripture). Paul wants us to run the race called life in such a way to get the prize. Paul is talking about running the race of life, running in such a way to receive the gift of eternal life in heaven. To win the race called life we must be in training to follow God daily with our lives and to live for Him. We must accept the free gift of salvation through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Satan wants nothing more for us to fall short, to give up and not live for God. He wants to throw us out before we can get safely to the end of our lives. It takes speed to get a triple in baseball. In life it takes determination to be the best we can be for God to win the race called life. God's triple is running in such a way to glorify Him, living for Him each day. Don't let Satan throw you out going to third, run in such a way to beat Satan and live for God. Do that and you will be safe every time in the race called life.

Visual Aid: Go to Pirates.com and search Topps Rookie All-Star McCutcheon for video highlights.