

Baseball Team Devotions-The Base Umpires

Scripture Lesson: Proverbs 15:3

The base umpires have a big responsibility in baseball. Not only do they make safe or out calls on the bases, they also have to determine if a fly ball is caught or trapped in the outfield. The base umpires are also responsible for determining if a ball is a home run or not. Good base umpires are always working to get in great position so they can see all the action. Some of the best umpires are the ones who work hard to make the right calls and to be in the proper positions to make those right calls on the field. It is really great to see good umpires working a game, seeing all the plays. Good base umpires work hard to see all the plays and make the right calls. This past year (2010) one of the great umpires of all time Jerry Crawford worked his last regular season game umpiring third base. Oriole manager Buck Showalter brought the lineup card out on the final day of the season to pay his respects to Crawford, an umpire who worked hard and did a great job seeing the action. The next time you are playing, be sure to tell not only the Home Plate Umpire but the Base Umpires as well, thank you for all you do for the game of baseball!

Today's Scripture lesson reminds us of someone else who sees what is going on in the game of life. Just like the base umpires see what is going on in a baseball game, God sees what is going on in life. The writer of Proverbs is telling us that the eyes of God are everywhere, keeping watch over the good and the bad. Just like on a baseball field we can't hide from an umpire, in life we can't hide from God. God loves us so much he wants to know what is going on with us. He is able to see all things. God sees the good things we do and God also sees the things we do that aren't good. Sometimes we like to forget that God is always with us especially if we are trying to decide between right and wrong. I know we have all had to make those choices. Just know that God not only sees everything we do, he is also there to help us make the right decisions in life. We can call on Him any time, He is only a prayer away. So remember, God sees everything and is always there for us to help us make good choices and to live more for Him each day. Let's all be safe with God by recognizing He sees everything and wants each of us to love Him and follow His ways.

Object lesson: Have your team thank the umpires before your game starts.

