

# Baseball Team Devotion-The Box Score

## Scripture Lesson: Matthew 22:37-40

You can tell a lot about a game by reading the box score. Major League Baseball has an official format for box scores. One can look at the box score for any game and see a lot of information. It records how many at bats a player has, runs, hits, rbis and their batting average. The box score also shows base on balls and strikeouts as well as how many runners were left on base by the hitter. It also shows extra base hits, stolen bases, caught stealing, outfield assists and errors. The box score also shows the complete pitching line for each pitcher in the game, the hits runs, earned runs, walks, strikeouts, home runs allowed, and earned run average. One can see what has gone on in any game when the box score is read. The box score shows how your favorite team and favorite players have done in a particular game. The best box scores I have found are located on your favorite teams page or on mlb.com .

In today's Scripture lesson we find a different kind of box score. But just like the MLB box score shows us how our teams and favorite players have done, this heavenly box score shows us how we are doing in the game of life. Jesus was asked one day what the greatest of all the commandments in the Bible. He replied with our Scripture lesson (read it here). We are to love God with every part of our being, with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our minds and we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. The heavenly box score does not have to do with runs, hits, and errors, it has to do with how well we love. The measure of how we are doing in the game of life is how well do we love? Do we love God as much as we can, with every part of our being? Do we reach out with His love to those around us, loving them as we love ourselves? If God loved us enough to send Jesus to this world to die for us and our sins, should we not live for Him? Living for God means loving like God. How well are we doing today in heaven's box score? Let's all commit to live for God and love Like God.

Object lesson: print a MLB official box score to show the team.