

Baseball Team Devotion-The Official Scorer

Scripture lesson: Psalm 9:7-10

The Official Scorer at Minor League and Major League games is responsible for the official box score of the game. Not only does the Official Scorer keep track of each inning and what happens in the inning, he/she also makes judgments on whether there should be a hit or error awarded on a play. Orioles Park at Camden Yards has a great way to let the fans know what the Official Scorer has decided on a particular play. On top of the large jumbo tron and scoreboard in center field is an advertisement for the local Baltimore newspaper, The Baltimore Sun. The top of the scoreboard has large letters that spell The Sun. When a play is decided by the Official Scorer, hit or error, the h and e are used in the words The Sun. If it is a hit the H lights up, and if it is an error the E lights up. The next time you watch a game in person or on TV, look for plays that the official scorer has to judge whether to award a hit or an error.

In our Scripture lesson today we find out about the One who makes a judgment about if we live our lives each day getting a hit or making an error. God will judge us to see how we are living our lives. We know that God will judge us rightly. Isn't it great to know that God will reign forever! God is in charge. God is also a refuge, we can turn to Him in times of trouble. We also know we can trust Him because He always wants the best for us and He will always be there for us. How are we living today? Are we living lives that are pleasing to God? Are we a good teammate striving to do our best at all times? If the answer is yes then we are living lives that God would give a hit. If the answer is no we aren't pleasing God and we aren't good teammates, then God would give us an error, for that is a mistake not to live for Him. Today if we aren't living for Him, God is only a prayer away. He will forgive us from our mistakes (errors in living) and will help us to live for Him. God is life's Official Scorer and let us all do our best to live for Him, getting a hit in life.

Object lesson: Print out a box score that has an error listed and show the team.