

Baseball Team Devotion-The Public Address Announcer

Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 2:10

Baseball lost one of its great figures when Yankee Stadium Public Address Announcer, Bob Sheppard passed away at the age of 99 in the summer of 2010. Bob began his career as Yankee Public Address Announcer in 1951 at the same game in which Yankee Hall of Famer, Mickey Mantle made his Yankee debut. For over 50 years he graced us with his voice that has been referred to as, “the voice of God”. His unique style endeared him to not only Yankee fans but to all baseball fans. Yankee captain and current shortstop, Derek Jeter asked upon Bob’s retirement that a recording of his voice be used to announce him coming to the plate to hit. To this day, that is still done. Bob Sheppard used his God-given voice in a way to bring happiness and joy to baseball fans for over fifty years. Bob Sheppard did what he was created to do.

In our Scripture lesson today, we find these words from the Apostle Paul, “For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” God has given each of us gifts and talents to use not for our glory but for His. Bob Sheppard in his quiet unassuming way did this, as he served baseball and the Yankees. Isn’t it exciting to know that God has something special for each and every one of us to do for Him? We are so blessed to be loved that much! God has given us unique talents and gifts that we are to refine and use for Him! It is never too early to ask God what He wants you to do for Him. You can never be too young to begin to seek God and His plan for your life. Who knows, you may be the next great Major League Baseball star or the doctor who finds the cure for cancer. He may want you to be a teacher and a coach or a Senator. Whatever God has created you to do, it will fit you like a well worn baseball mitt. Let’s pray and ask God to begin to show us what His workmanship has created for us to do for Him. Let’s also ask Him for the courage to be all He wants us to be for His glory!

Object lesson: Use Bob Sheppard You Tube: R.I.P. Bob Sheppard