
A winner among losers

1. Losers go behind your back. Winners go into the fray. v42

Make every effort to come to me quickly, because Demas, in his love of this world, has deserted me and gone. 2 Timothy 4:10

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. Mark 12:30

2. Losers go with the crowd. Winners go it v42

Enter through the narrow gate. Wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the way that leads to life, and only a few find it. Matthew 7:13-14

3. Losers push you around. Winners you along. v43

Come unto Me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

4. Losers are inconsistent. Winners are v44-45

Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever. Hebrews 13:8

5. Losers are aggressive. Winners are v46-47

My Kingdom is not of this world. If it was, My disciples would fight for it. John 18:36

6. Losers are poor listeners. Winners are listeners. v48-49

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. James 1:19

7. Losers tune in to the world. Winners tune in to the v49

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

8. Losers are everywhere. Winners are losers. v50

Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying 'I repent', you must forgive them. Luke 17:3-4

The ACTS of prayer, plus needs for which to seek for answers.

A. Adoration; C. Confession; T. Thanksgiving; S. Seeking

For personal reflection, or group discussion

1. What was your first experience of being a winner or loser?
2. Why is winning better than losing?
3. Judas was on the winning team. Why would someone step away from the best position?
4. What makes someone a boundary violator? How can you help them avoid this problem?
5. What makes someone allow their boundary to be violated? How can you help them avoid this problem?
6. Why is there a limit to how much help you can give someone in trying to help them move from being a loser to becoming a winner?
7. What steps might you take to help someone become a winner?
8. Which of these steps also apply to you, and what will you do?

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