



Flag Football 2021 Devotionals

Sept 27-Oct 2

1. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord – *Deuteronomy 6:12*

How often do you think about God? Everyday, or only once in a while? Sometimes your life can get filled up with so many things that you forget to pray or go to church. Between playing ball, going to school, taking vacations, and spending time with your friends and family, your life can become very busy. You should always keep God first and make Him a part of everything you do.

Oct 4-9

2. So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. – *1 Corinthians 10:31*

What was the last sport you saw on television? Many times on TV, after a ballgame, a reporter will interview one of the players who may have played a very good game. Sometimes the athlete will give credit to himself, his teammates, his coaches, or his own hard work. Sometimes, though, an athlete will give credit and thanks to God for blessing him with the ability and opportunity to play in the game and will try to honor God as he is asked questions about the game. This may seem odd to some people. After all, he is the one who played well, not God, right? All blessings come from God and without God we can accomplish nothing good. In every situation we should try to point people to God and His love for us.

Oct 11-16

3. Blessed is a nation whose God is the Lord – *Psalms 33:12*

Do you know why we celebrate the Fourth of July? Every year Americans get together to have barbeques and watch fireworks displays on July 4th, but why? We are celebrating our freedom. As Americans, we are free to go to school and church, work, and play. Some people in the world do not have that freedom. God has blessed us with the freedom to worship him as we please. Be sure when you pray to thank God for giving us our freedom and pray that America will put God first.

October 18-23

4. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. – James 5:16

Who knows what it means to pray? Praying is simply talking to God. How often should you pray? The Bible tells us we should pray all the time. Prayer is not just something you should do when you want something from God. When you pray you can ask God questions, ask him to help someone with a problem, or just thank him and tell him that you love him. Praying isn't hard. We simply talk to God as we would to someone in the same room who loves and cares about us. When we pray to the Lord with a right and unselfish attitude, our prayers become powerful. He answers them.

October 25-30

**5. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.
–John 15:13**

How do you know who your friends are? Are your friends nice to you? Do they help you when you are in a bind? Do you do fun things with your friends? God speaks of real friendship in the Bible. He says that a friend can be closer than a brother. The Bible also says that friends should love each other so much they are willing to give things up. Jesus is our friend. He gave up his life so we could have a chance to go to heaven when we die. There is no greater love than what God showed us through His son Jesus. Jesus wants to be your friend, do you know who He is?

November 1-6

6. I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength - *Philippians 4:13*

What is an obstacle? It is something that stands in the way. When you face an obstacle you may be able to find ways around it, but some things seem impossible. What are some things that seem impossible to you? Did you know that nothing is impossible for God? Matthew 17:20 tells us that, "if you have the faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; nothing will be impossible for you." Do you know how small a mustard seed is? It is not even an inch long. God is that amazing! If we believe that God will do something, as long as it is in line with his desires, He will do it. We need to remember that when God gives us the strength to do something we think is impossible, we shouldn't give ourselves the credit. It is God's strength that helps us and we need to make sure we let everyone know that without Jesus, we could do nothing.