

# **Fort Payne church of Christ**



## **The Weekly Moment**

*A Weekly Motivational Message*

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

### ***It's Not Who Comes In First . . .***

I like to win! I mean I really like to win! I've always been very competitive. In my earlier years and even while in the Navy, I played various sports and hated to lose. Not to the point of being obnoxious about it, but inwardly I wanted to win!

When our kids got old enough, we would play a variety of games. I would show them no mercy. Did I say I liked win?! As they grew and we played more and more, they started winning some. And then they started winning more and more. Now, I've found myself on the wrong end of winning. I hate losing, but they have over-taken me and I find it much harder to win. Even our oldest grand-daughter has started beating me. I hate losing!

Being a Christian is a type of competition except that you aren't competing against other people – you're competing against yourself. There are no first-place finishers in this race. All winners win the same prize – Heaven. And how do you win?

The Apostle Paul said it best, "*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*" 2Timothy 4:7.

In this race, we must adopt an attitude of "hating to lose" and strive for the finish line as Paul did. We do that each and every day until our Savior says, "***well done, good and faithful servant.***"

Think about it.

Here's hoping you'll make the "*most of your minutes*" this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study tonight.

In Christian Love,

***Bob Strickland***