

## CONCLUSION

I once heard a friend say: “It sure would be fun to play baseball for a living.” As he looked at the grass on the other side of the fence, he would have preferred a paycheck from sports rather than from his work at the factory.

On the surface it might appear that baseball professionals have it easy—all they do is play games. Yet those familiar with professional sports know the rigors of training camp, the repetition of daily drills, the bodily wear of competition, and the fatigue caused by thousands of miles of travel each season. Athletes *do* enjoy their work, but they also *work hard* to make their play effective.

As leaders in the church we also have an enjoyable job; we are coaches in the game of spiritual transformation. We are responsible for recruiting players, and then training them to be winners. The quality of our organization, programs, curricula, methods and facilities will directly affect the success of our team impact on discipleship.

Good teamwork begins with good coaching. As we continue to work hard and manage well, we will enjoy each new season the Owner give us to coach His teams.