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I know the sport I play can bring fame and adoration, but I pray I will always stay focused on the reasons why I do what I do, and not only focus on what I am given. I receive meaning from participating in a sport and being part of a team that challenges me on a daily and weekly basis. I know that without You and Your blessings, I cannot reach my full potential. Father, help me to stay focused and not give into the temptations that come my way. The wind of temptation is strong and can cause me to lose the blessing that is ahead when I give in and lose my way. You help me to withstand the things that distract me from where I need and want to go. Thank You for Your protection and help in my life. Thank You for all Your goodness and mercy. Please surround me with like-minded people who believe in me and what I can do to make the world a better place with the gifts and talents You have given me.

Give me wisdom, Father, to engage in relationships that bring Your value and purpose to others. Please, God, help me to retain my gifts and to wait for the harvest that is ahead, through the desire You have given me to overcome the challenges in my life. Without You, I cannot achieve the plans You have for me. Please know, Father, that I want to give my very best to become what You want me to be. I hope to always remember that I have been called to greatness when words of discouragement come my way. Reflecting on You and what You have already done helps me to overcome those dark days and be confident in what is ahead. May I play for You and not for the cheers or the praise. I know that cheers can become boos and You are the only One that will always sustain and encourage me. Help me to press into You and use the Word of God, the Bible, as my playbook for life. Thank You, Amen!"



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