



## Monday Matters

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### What is in Your Grand Scheme of Things?

I was reading from a website the other day called Faithit.com. I have taken some quotes from their article on Stephen Curry, player for the Golden State Warriors. I believe that whether we like basketball or not, the lesson of importance can be applicable to all of us.

The Golden State Warriors basketball team had just won the NBA world championship over the Cleveland Cavaliers. Stephen Curry, the team's floor leader, was named the league's MVP (most valuable player) for 2014/2015 season. To Stephen all that is not most important in his life.

Stephen grew up in a strong Christian family. His parents would even make certain he attended church on Sundays and a youth Bible study on Wednesday evenings. He went to Christian schools that helped build his Christian character. Even though his dad played in the NBA and he would play basketball in the backyard every chance he had, God was the center of his life, not basketball.



Curry said, "I remember it like it was yesterday, the day I gave my life to Christ. I was in fourth grade, and I recall hearing and understanding the Gospel of Jesus Christ and walking down the aisle to give my life to Him. My parents continued to pour into my faith from that point on, making sure I understood the commitment I'd just made."

While Stephen wanted to play for a big name college like North Carolina, he ended up at Davidson where he became a star. He said, "I was confident the Lord had blessed me with the talent to play the game, and I just wanted to go where He wanted me to go." The head coach was a man of God who helped in building his faith as well as basketball skills.

Curry believed that God had a massive plan for him in the future. He said, "I knew the Lord was preparing me for a bigger stage to represent and be a witness for Him on the basketball court." He wanted to use this talent for God's glory.

Stephen's faith is just as important to him today as it was when he was growing up playing basketball in the backyard. He has said, "I know that in the grand scheme of things, this is just a game that can be taken from me at any moment. But I love that basketball gives me the opportunities to do good things for people and to point them towards the Man who died for our sins on the cross. I know I have a place in Heaven waiting for me because of Him, and that's something no earthly prize or trophy could ever top."



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The best quote I read from Stephen is: "There's more to me than just this jersey I wear, and that's Christ living inside of me."

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### **A Request**

I had the opportunity of working with a church in Charleston, SC, for a period of time and got to know the city and the people a little. Today they need our prayers and support after this past Wednesday's horrific event at Emanuel A.M.E. Church. I encourage all of us to support the victim's families, the church members as well as the community with our prayers.

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