

Average Won't Win A Championship!

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This past week the Ohio State Buckeyes won the NCAA national championship under the leadership of head coach, Urban Meyer. Meyer was hired in 2010, and in the first year of practice with the team, Meyer stated to his players that he was **not** interested in coaching *average players*, or even players with *average attitudes!* He was only interested in winning a national championship, and he wanted players who would give it everything they have — both on and off the field!

He was quoted as saying: **"It is so easy to be average. It takes a little something to be special. Why be around average?"** That quote now has become famous since the Buckeyes won the national championship.

If you read throughout the New Testament, you will see that God doesn't want us to be **average** Christians either! Let me give you a few examples:

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

"Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified" (1 Corinthians 9:26-27)

"To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily" (Colossians 1:29)

"And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules" (2 Timothy 2:5).

"I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary" (Revelation 2:2-3).

Each one of us chooses the attitude with which we wish to serve the Lord. We either "give of our best to the Master" or we settle for something less. Remember what Urban Meyer said, "It is so easy to be average. It takes a little something to be special." First century Christians who served the Lord and helped spread the Gospel throughout the known world knew what it meant **to give a little something special**. How about you and me?

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