

*It's not who gets to the top first that counts*

April 5

In our very competitive society, we often put the emphasis of success on getting to the top first. As a result, many corporate executives have sacrificed their integrity on the altar of ambition. They have missed the important truth that *how* the race is run is actually more important than the race itself. When we finish may not be as important as finishing with our character still intact. Many who make it to the top end up falling because their journey upward was laced with shortcuts and unethical decisions that cost them more than they calculated.

How about you? Has your pride and misguided ambition got you speeding toward the top using the fuel of deceit? Take an inventory of your personal race and pave your way with courage, integrity, persistence, and endurance. Spend time helping someone else make it as well. Take deliberate steps and make godly choices so that when you reach the top you can remain there.

*Prayer for Today*

Father, help me today to pay attention to how I am running my race. I will not believe the false notion that getting there first means I am the best. Please help me to guide my life in every area, according to Your Word.

*Scriptures for Today*

Matthew 19:30 But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first. (KJV)

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. (KJV)