

# WORD LIVING

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## Greetings!

Greetings and much love to each of you. We pray that you understand this concept of First Down and Goal, and that we, the children of God are a team and when we work together under the directions of Jesus Christ we shall have eternal life and that is the goal.

## First Down & Goal, continues

As the Lord had directed this subject, I realized the importance of the message. One team, one coach and one focus.

For the football fans, the September and October newsletters were interesting and perhaps you laughed at my descriptions and wondered if I really understood the game. The answer is no. However, my sister was showing me a biblical concept and that is where we want to focus this month.

- September – The Team: The overall design and purpose
- October – Understanding the purpose of each team position
- November – Position Assignments

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The key point is: The head coach assigns each position so the team as a unit, working together, can win.

## Position Assignments

As I was writing, I realized the importance of each position. Then it hit me. If a group of men can come together, suit up, practice long and hard no matter what the weather conditions are, and willingly go out on the field to be tackled, hit, injured and do it all over again and again and again until their bodies says NO MORE, how much so should we as children of the King be willing to give our all in our assigned positions for the cause of Christ.

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## Position Assignments, cont.

Today, our world is all about being seen, having the latest fashion, designer stuff, titles and positions. The world laughs at positions that carry no influence or title. Somehow, that philosophy has become an acceptable thought in the family of God and divided the people such that the unity in the body has been broken.

Just as the football team must work together to win, so must the body of Christ. We are called to function as a unit, and mindful, that each position is very important.

What is your position? What has Jesus, the head coach, called you to do? Do you feel you have nothing to do? Are you waiting for a position with status? Do you feel that what you are doing is not appreciated? Perhaps you think no one cares.

The football team has a schedule and a preset practice time. Unless you are sick, and I mean sick, the members of the team are expected to meet and be on time. For the most part, the members want to play so bad, that they are on the field and ready to practice, rain or shine. They come prepared to do their best, even in practice because they realize the more



they practice, the better they can become.

They are required to know the playbook, and if a play is called each player is expected to know what to do based on his position.

The above questions deserve answers, and they are found in **THE BOOK**. My position is to KNOW AND BE READY FOR ACTION. (Romans 10:9; Matthew 6:33; II Timothy 2:15; Matthew 22:37-40; James 4:7 & 10; and Romans 12)



**KNOW THE  
PLAYBOOK.**

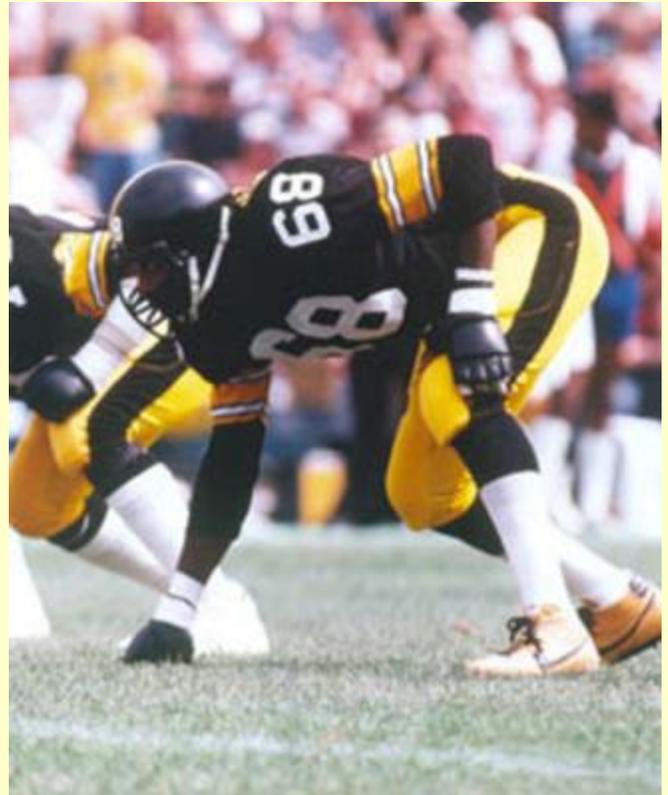
**Your position is  
outlined in the  
HOLY BIBLE!**

## Position Assignments..., cont.

I noted there were some positions of status that would have had everyone in the world calling my name but dying on the cross for the sins of others seemed a high price to pay. There were other positions of importance such as disciples and leaders, but they required that I give up all for the cause of Christ. The sacrificial life for future expectations had control, and almost invasion on my time and plans.

I looked for a position where I could have glory from man by doing something for Jesus so everyone would care and appreciate me. Well, there were many positions in The Book where people had accomplished that. However, when I considered Revelation 21:15, what good would temporary accomplishments bring if the end result was Revelation 20:10.

Today, if you and I can just agree that the purpose of each football team is to win then we would recognize that each player on the team is important. When the team works as a unit they have a better chance of accomplishing their goal. Now, if we agree on these statements, then what if the body of Christ took on that concept and together yield all to the leadership of the only victorious leader? What if the



body of Christ had a single focus and daily practiced the directions as noted in the Book? What if we never stopped, rain or shine, until the goal was achieved and souls were saved? What if we gave all until the final call? What if?

It is first down and goal. It's time to choose your team, know your play, and respond to the coach's direction without delay.

His steward,  
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**SHOW LOVE IN ACTION IN 2011**

The fall leaves and pine combs would be the perfect finish to any basket filled with items for Thanksgiving. What is in a Thanksgiving basket? Note cards, sample size soaps, pen/pencil, paper towels, cards, music, and a copy of the morning worship from the media ministry or anything that would bring joy to someone who is unable to get out and about. Color pictures from children are always welcomed and a visit would mean more than you know. It's not the amount but the thought that brings joy to others. Be thankful for your blessing and share it with others.

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