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**CHRISTIAN  
ATHLETES**

# Heart of an Athlete

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### **What is your role in FCA?:**

I am a student-athlete.

### **What is your favorite Bible Verse:**

2 Corinthians 5:21, "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." (ESV)

### **Who is your athletic role model?**

Stephen Curry

### **Share one tip that helps you be a Christ-like competitor:**

I try to apply competitive traits to the future. For example, if I can't work hard on the court, how can I expect to work hard in my career? If I can't lead my team on the court, how can I expect to lead my wife and family biblically? If I'm not faithful with what I've been given now, how can I expect to be faithful in the future? These things get my competitive juices flowing because how I honor God on the court has future implications as well.

### **What are your sports achievements?**

138 points in a game, 109 points in a game, two NCAA points per game scoring titles.

### **Who are your favorite music groups:**

Lecrae, Trip Lee and Andy Mineo

### **What are your favorite books?**

"Don't Waste Your Life" by John Piper and "Jesus > Religion" by Jefferson Bethke

### **Who are your favorite pastors in history?**

Charles Haddon Spurgeon and Martin Luther

### **Who are you favorite pastors now?**

Matt Chandler and Paul Washer

**What are your future goals?**

To play Professional Basketball and then Church Planting.

**What are the biggest concerns facing youth today?**

Idolatry. The encouragement by our culture to worship sports, music, money, success, careers, cars, etc. instead of worshipping Jesus and being satisfied in Him.

**What are the biggest concerns facing Christian youth today?**

Morality. Choosing to make Christianity about following a list of rules to try and earn our righteousness instead of resting in the righteousness that Jesus gives us through faith in His work on the cross.