

# **The Batter's Box**

## *Responsibility in Action*

Matthew 7:21-23

We have an expression, “step up to the plate,” that carries the idea of being accountable for a given responsibility. “Fish or cut bait” addresses a similar idea. Responsibility is necessary if we are to accomplish our God-given assignments.

As Christians, to cite a biblical analogy, we are in a game (I Cor. 9:24-27; Heb. 12:1-2). Using the contemporary analogy suggested by the title, we need to step up to the plate. We are playing the game to win, and we cannot lose as long as we “step up to the plate.”

### **The Batter's Box is for ...**

- Prepared players (Eph. 4:11-12, 15)
- Confident, disciplined players (II Tim. 1:7)
- Team players (Eph. 4:16)
- Goal-oriented players (I Cor. 9:26)
- “Bruised” players (I Cor. 9:27)
- Unencumbered players (Heb. 12:1)
- Players who are willing to endure (Heb. 12:1)
- Players who appreciate their heritage (Heb. 12:1)
- Players who continually mature through practice (Heb. 5:14)
- Christ-centered players (Heb. 12:2)

To mix a metaphor, the ball is in our court (I Pet. 2:9). That, however, is not a bad thing at all! How else could we play the game?