

THE WINNERS CIRCLE.



As cattle breeders and exhibitors our desire is to not only display our best genetics but to also stand in the “winners circle” with a superior animal that we have raised from our own herd.

We all love to win! Ranching and raising cattle is extremely hard work and it takes a special person, one who I believe is born with the gift from God their creator, to be strong and dedicated to run the race to finish it in the face of many long hours, setbacks and difficulties. There are times during those long hours and difficulties that the thought of dropping out and even quitting the race can and does enter one’s mind.

As cattle breeders, achieving higher industry standards and stronger breeding programs with a better beef product is everyone vision and hearts cry. There is a wonderful feeling of accomplishment when we select genetics and higher standards are met and our genetics is selected as a superior type and kind.

If you are a cattle exhibitor and show your beef product at numerous shows, whether it is at your local county or state fair, or on the nationally known show circuit such as the American Royal, NAILE, Denver National Western, Fort Worth or Houston livestock show, you know firsthand the blessing it is to be able to be fortunate enough to stand in the “winners circle”.

As I look back at my years as Polled Hereford breeder and exhibitor I cannot help but think how blessed I was to be able to win and to stand in the winners circle and do so on a consistent basis. But one thing that I learned about the winners circle is this; it is just as important on how you run the race as it is to win the race!

Did you know that God’s Word also speaks of running a race to win? It sure does. There is a verse in the New Testament that reads as follows, “Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you might win” 1 Corinthians 9:24

I believe that God desires for all of us to be winners in life. God has created us with gifts so that we can run the race and run it well to win. God’s Son Jesus Christ was the greatest “winner” ever! He faced temptation and overcame, He faced scourging and beatings and overcame, He faced the cross and overcame by staying upon it, He faced death and the tomb and overcame death and the enemy by rising from the dead! And to top that off, He is coming again to rule and reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Friends, Jesus Christ is the greatest “winner” ever! Because of this, I want Him to journey with me in my race!

We are all in a race and it’s called life. God desires for you to run the race well and for you to also win the race and receive the prize of eternal life. There is only one way to run the race well and to receive your prize, it is through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ!

Have you called upon His name? Do you have a personal relationship with Him and are you running your race well? Are you allowing Christ to journey with you in your race??

God so deeply desires that you end up in the “winners circle” of eternal life and hear these words, “well done thy good and faithful servant.”

Why not call upon Him today and every day? You have nothing to lose!

“But as many as received Him, to them he gave the right to become the children of God, to those who believe in His name” John 1:12

“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and sin which so easily ensnares us and let us run the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...” Hebrews 12:1-2.

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” Philippians 4:13.

In Christ's love

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