

# Baseball Team Devotion- Catcher's Interference

## Scripture Lesson: Hebrews 12:1-2

Can you name the six ways a runner can reach base safely? There is by a base hit, a walk, an error, dropped third strike, hit by a pitch and the last and probably the one we see the least, catcher's interference. Catcher's interference occurs when the catcher hinders the batter as he is trying to hit the ball. This usually occurs when the catcher reaches out to catch the pitch and as the batter swings, he strikes the catcher's mitt. This is an automatic awarding of first base and it counts as an error on the catcher. Can you imagine how hard it would be to hit a pitch after even barely hitting the catcher's mitt? Have you ever had that happen to you? How about it catchers, ever been called for that in a game? Have you ever hindered the batter?

In today's Scripture lesson the writer of Hebrews talks to us about getting rid of what hinders us in running the race called life. In ancient times runners would often run without clothes which might entangle them as they ran. Remember they wore long flowing robes and outer garments, much like what is worn in the Middle East today. There were no Nikes and running clothes. The race is the life we are to live. The Christian life is not a sprint, it is a life-long marathon that ends when we get to heaven. We are to get rid of sin or anything else that keeps us from running the race called life for God. The writer gives us the key for running the right and only way. We are to keep our eyes on Christ the author and perfecter of our lives. In other words, if we focus on Jesus and living for Him, we will run the race of life as a winner. I don't know about you, but I want to be a winner in the Christian life. The only way to do that is to get rid of the Devil's interference (sin) and keep my eyes on Christ and living for Him.

Visual aid: Ask the catcher and a hitter to demonstrate catcher's interference. This is NOT to be done at full speed.