

# There is No "Off-Season"

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## SUMMARY

One question that I often ask myself is, "How bad do I really want it?" It's an important question to ask yourself because it forces you to look in the mirror and the reality of your life. It's easy to lie to ourselves and pretend and justify that what we are doing is okay. I do it. You do it. We all do it. So the question becomes how much longer are we going to allow ourselves to live a mediocre life, and a life filled with constant questioning and constant searching?

## NOTES

**Break it down** - Understand that becoming a better Christian and man is a process and it doesn't just happen overnight.

**Surround yourself with quality people** - Find friends who are committed to their faith and who want to become better men with the same ambition as you.

**Read the Bible** – It's the perfect, detailed life guide that teaches us everything that we need to know.

**Be persistent** - If you want to be the best, you have to be totally committed. You have to put it all on the line. If you only give half effort, you will only earn half the results.

## DISCUSSION POINTS

- ❖ How can you break down your big desires into something bite-sized that can be achieved?
- ❖ Are you surrounded by wiser and more mature men? If not, how can you find some?
- ❖ Do you read the Bible? If it's not as much as you think it should be, what can you do to improve it?
- ❖ Are you totally sold out to Christ? How does it make a visible difference in your life?
- ❖ If you're not sold out, what is keeping you from it?

## APPLICATION

- ❖ Decide how important your faith really is to you, and then pick one thing to do that will prove it.
- ❖ List to 2-3 other men that you consider wiser and more mature. Contact them to be mentors.
- ❖ Write down the description of what you envision to be. Then break it down into steps that can be accomplished this week.

## ON YOUR OWN

Proverbs 27:17  
1 Corinthians 15:33  
Psalm 119:11  
Matthew 16:24-25