

Our Trophies Are Eternal

Does anyone here have any trophies? We get trophies for everything now. From bowling, to softball and just about everything in between we love to get a trophy. In fact this might surprise you, trophy and award sales are now an estimated \$3 billion of year industry in the United States and Canada.

Today when it comes to trophies the most interesting conversation is about what has become known as participation trophies. We give a trophy to kids for just showing up and participating. There are articles bemoaning this and others praising it. It used to be that only the winners got a trophy. Now any and everyone has trophies on the shelf. I will let you decide if that is good or bad.

We don't hand out trophies here but we do have trophies. Our trophies are eternal. Our trophies are the changed lives we have been able to impact with The Gospel. Consider this summer already we have...

- List some accomplishment
- List another accomplishment

Those are our trophies and we could not do that without you! Every time you give here you help us gain another trophy. The trophies we are focused on last for all eternity. There is no better trophy than a changed life. So, while we don't give out participation trophies please know that your participation through your generosity does indeed produce trophies. Trophies of grace last for an eternity! That is something worth participating in!