

## How to Ensure a Win

**For those of you who have not been paying attention tonight is the Super Bowl!** What if you could do something that would ensure your team or who you were rooting for would win? Would you be willing to do that?

I know that sounds impossible or even incredulous. Yet tonight millions of people will attempt to ensure a win for their team by doing something they believe can and will impact the game. **It's called superstitions.** A superstition is wearing or doing something that you believe will ensure success for your team.

I found an article about Philadelphia Eagles fans superstitions. Some of them are wearing green the team's colors. Others eat guacamole because it is green. I am sure there are many other things Eagles fans will do to ensure victory.

Their opponent, the New England Patriots, chose to wear white uniforms tonight? Why? Because the team that donned white jerseys has won 12 of the last 13 Super Bowls! The Patriots are 3-0 under their head coach, Bill Belichick, when they wore white jerseys. Patriot fans, including their coach must feel better in white whether they call it superstitious or not.

Does any of that ensure a win? Of course not but it won't stop fans from donning the lucky jersey, hat or whatever.

**Let me share with you one way you can ensure a win not in tonight's game but in life.**

Every time you give here you help us "win." Your generosity helps fuel all our mission and ministry that impacts scores of people not only here in our community but literally around the world. Those "wins" last longer than a trophy. They last for eternity.

**Giving also ensures YOU "win" in life.** Listen to what the Bible says about giving in II Corinthians 9:6-8, "But remember this—if you give little, you will get little. A farmer who plants just a few seeds will get only a small crop, but if he plants much, he will reap much. <sup>7</sup> Everyone must make up his own mind as to how much he should give. Don't force anyone to give more than he really wants to, for cheerful givers are the ones God prizes. <sup>8</sup> God is able to make it up to you by giving you everything you need and more so that there will not only be enough for your own needs but plenty left over to give joyfully to others."

Eating guacamole or wearing your "lucky" jersey is not going to ensure a win but giving generously will!