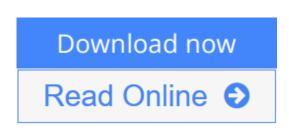


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"If you are a big Vols fan like I am -- and a person whose faith is as important as mine is -- Pastor McMinn's book *God Bless the Vols* scores a touchdown. It is fun and 'provoking'...a real inspiration." -- Jeff Hagood, author of *A Perfect Season* -- Amazon's top 100, president of Knoxville Quarterback Club, former athletic sports member of the University of Tennessee

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DAY 1

In the Beginning

Read Genesis 1, 2:1-3

"God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good" (v. 1:31).

Sack races, wheelbarrow races, and high kicks rather than football and basketball. Suspenders and shaving mugs rather than championship rings. In thebeginning that was athletics at the University of Tennessee.

The driving force behind the fi rst athletic contests at UT was a pair of professors. According to Russ Bebb in *The Big Orange*, in the late 1880s Charles Plumb and Charles Summers organized the first intramural field days atTennessee. In January 1889 the events included "a potato race, sack race, fifty-yard dash, high kick contest, and standing long jump" plus a wheelbarrow race. The last event was the highlight of the day because there were several wrecks, some precipitated by Professor Summers himself, who insisted on racing.

In the spring of that same year, Bebb said, Professor Plumb was at it again, organizing a fi eld day that included prizes for the winners. The athlete with the greatest number of points for the day won a silver shaving mug and a silver-handled brush.

Other prizes included a gold-headed cane, a pair of suspenders (satin, no less), a set of Charles Dickens's novels, and a straw hat.

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Beginnings are important, but what we make of them -- what follows -- is even more important. Every morning, you get an important gift from God: a new beginning. The day lies before you expectant and pristine. You can use it to pay a debt,start a new relationship, replace a burned-out light bulb, tell your family you love them, chase a dream, solve a nagging problem, right old wrongs...or not.

God simply provides the gift. How you use it is up to you. People often talk wistfully about starting over or making a new beginning. God gives you the chance with the dawning of every new day.

The most important key to achieving great success is to decide upon your goal and launch, get started, take action, move.

-- Basketball coach John Wooden

Every day is not just a dawn; it is a precious chance to start over or begin anew.God Bless the Vols ©; 2007 Ed McMinn

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