



“Discipline yourself for the purpose of Godliness”- 1 Timothy 4:7 (NASB)

HCYA HURRICANES SOCCER – WEEK 5

Let the good times roll! Emphatic victories, humbling defeats, exciting ties, high winds, freezing cold temperatures, post-game dinners and match analysis – HCYA Hurricanes soccer is now in full swing! As mentioned many times already, the big picture vision of the Hurricanes is determined not by the win/loss column. Results are temporal and quickly forgotten. As coaches, we understand this, and genuinely and intentionally mentor the young men and young ladies we are privileged to teach. Our goals are very simple:

- To provide a positive environment for maximizing the soccer potential of each individual player and team
- To present ten spiritual disciplines of the Christian life as a means of discipleship
- To serve as role models by respecting the game and everyone involved (players, parents and match officials)



Occasionally (rarely), as an organization, we’ll encounter other programs who do not share our objectives and values. A coach may view soccer as an end in itself rather than a means to godliness and to personal/athletic growth. Sadly, his/her “passion” may spill over to their players, so it’s at these times where we must draw upon the lessons learned at practice and shared by the Hurricanes coaches. We truly believe in our players, and though they will never be “angels” on the field, we place a lot of trust on them to represent the program with integrity and to approach the game with a proper perspective. So far...so good Hurricanes. Keep it up!



SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE: EVANGELISM – FOR THE PURPOSE OF GODLINESS

Continuing in our series of spiritual disciplines, we addressed the critical area of evangelism, defined as, “The joyous witness of the people of God to His redeeming love, which urges repentance and reconciliation to God and each other through faith in Jesus Christ – who lived, died, and was raised from the dead.” Wow! That’s rather a long-winded way of saying, “The spreading of the Christian gospel by public preaching or personal witness” or even simpler, “Announcing the good news of Jesus Christ!” While not everyone is called to the pulpit, every believer has a responsibility to share the greatest story ever told – to have such a burden for the lost that we overcome any fears or apprehensions (or excuses) for keeping our faith to ourselves. After all, our role is to care and to share; God’s role is to convict and convert, as the following illustration demonstrates...



The young salesman was disappointed about losing a big sale, and as he talked with his sales manager he lamented, "I guess it just proves you can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink." The manager replied, "Son, take my advice: your job is not to make him drink. Your job is to make him thirsty." So it is with evangelism. Our lives should be so filled with Christ that they create a thirst for the Gospel.

Let’s be bold as we represent Christ on and off the field, making it our priority to please God rather than man (Galatians 1:10).

See you next week!

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MEMORY VERSE

“How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.” (Romans 10:15)