



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

HCYA HURRICANES SOCCER – WEEK 7

Let’s be clear. There is no such thing as a perfect person. Never was and never will be – except in the case of Jesus Christ, of which the Scriptures state, “God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21). Equally, we are living in an imperfect world, where natural disasters, pain, fear, injustice, prejudice and the like seek to steal our joy and cause us to cry out to God for deliverance. The Good News is that one day, all will be made new, and the peace and harmony that existed in the Garden of Eden before man’s rebellion will be restored. But oh how we groan in the meantime. How we long for His return, oftentimes in the hard places of life where suffering and anguish can be overwhelming. As a believer in Christ, we must ask ourselves therefore, “How can I survive in a culture where “new normals” are re-defined with alarming regularity?” As always, Scripture gives us the answer, “Pay careful attention, then, to how you live – not as unwise but as wise – making the most of the time because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:15-16).



SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE: STEWARDSHIP – FOR THE PURPOSE OF GODLINESS

Time – a precious commodity we all have but often misuse. Each day consists of 86,400 seconds, and as the clock ticks by, we are called to be good stewards of the way we use every second of that day. We can use it wisely to build relationships and encourage one another. Or, we can abuse it by putting others down in an attempt to elevate ourselves. We can use time to bring glory to God by “giving our all” on and off the athletic field, or we can simply go through the motions, content with mediocrity as opposed to excellence. We can squander our days with excessive screen time (TV, Internet, iPhone, video games) or we can echo the request of the Psalmist, “Teach us to number our days carefully so that we may develop wisdom in our hearts” (Psalm 90:12). Time is so easily lost. Except for the “fool,” no other character in the book of Proverbs draws the scorn of Scripture like the slothful “sluggard” because of his lazy and wasteful use of time! So... if we ever find ourselves with “time on our hands”, let’s remember these 2 sobering thoughts:

- Time is what we want most, but...what we use worst (William Penn)
- Lost time is never found again



Every second is a gift from God – something that can never be recovered. My hope and prayer for everyone within the HCYA Hurricanes Program (players, parents, coaches and administrators), is that we’ll feel the Lord’s pleasure as we seize the day and bring glory to the One who blesses us with the marvelous gift of time!

PS: Way to go Diego...! Sitting on the bench at Houston Christian High School on a bitterly cold Tuesday evening, HSVB player Diego Diaz looked across the sideline and simply said, “Serve one another in love”. This was AWESOME because it proved not only that Diego had been listening to our end of practice devotional, but also that the Word of God had been sown into his heart from LAST WEEK! #proudcoach

See you next week...for more great TIMES on the field!

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Seize the Day

MEMORY VERSE

“What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes” (James 4:14)