



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

## HCYA HURRICANES SOCCER – WEEK 12

Mark your calendars for January 2021 – The HCYA Annual Alumni Game! What a terrific advert this is for the program as former players return to take on current High School Hurricanes athletes. This year didn’t disappoint, as we witnessed not only some terrific individual and team play (from both sets of players), but were reunited with young men and women who have achieved (or are in the process of achieving) great things since leaving the Hurricanes. On a gloriously bright and Saturday afternoon, we had the privilege of seeing the “products” of the homeschool system as well as the soccer program. Each Alumni would surely share the same message: That their time as a player flew by far too quickly, but that the memories and friendships are set in stone. With that in mind, let’s continue to keep the game in perspective, soaking up the Christ-centered environment, learning from our mistakes, extending grace to others when they fall short, all the while having fun on the journey.

## DEVOTIONAL THEME: HUMILITY

Having completed our study on Spiritual Disciplines, our remaining end of session devotionals will focus on just one aspect of Godly character: Humility. Webster’s dictionary defines humility as, “Freedom from pride or arrogance.” Famed British writer and theologian C.S. Lewis said, “Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.” Imagine that. Thinking less of our own desires, our own needs, our own “greeds”. What a revolutionary concept, but oh how refreshing! So this week, we simply asked the question: “What are you (we) full of? Here are the 3 choices:



**Full of pride?** You boast about what you’ve done or what you’re going to do. You enjoy the attention others give to you because of your success. Pride and boasting says, “I deserve admiration because I have achieved so much”

**Full of self-pity?** You feel sorry for yourself because things aren’t going your way or you don’t receive recognition for what you do. Self-pity says, “I deserve admiration because I have sacrificed so much”

**Full of humility?** You recognize that everything you have – everything you own or achieve – everything is a gift from God. Humility says, “Thank you Lord, for blessing me with your gifts, and for being ever-present in my life. All I have is yours. All I am is because of you. May I live humbly to emulate the life of Christ living in and through me, striving to become more and more like the One who came to serve and give His life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45).

**“The X-Factor of great leadership is not personality, it’s HUMILITY” – Jim Collins**

Pride is ugly – Humility is appealing. Pride looks down on people – Humility looks up to God. Pride is self-promoting – Humility recognizes (and thanks) the efforts of others. Pride craves recognition – Humility serves others with a listening ear and an active hand. Pride thrives on success – Humility brings us to our knees during trials and defeat.

So Hurricanes – Let’s make it our goal to live with humility – a challenge so counter-cultural and so incredibly difficult to fulfill, yet so attractive.

I’m Looking forward to learning WITH YOU about how to walk humbly before the Lord for our good and His glory!

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## MEMORY VERSE

*“God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble” (James 4:6)*