



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

## HCYA HURRICANES SOCCER – WEEK 14

Almost there...But not quite. One more practice session to go, and one more round of games to play in the 2019/20 season. We then look forward to the Year-End Banquet and post-season training. It’s been an incredible ride. Never a dull moment. Lots of growth opportunities, many team successes, countless highs, a few lows and everything in between! Above all, friends and teammates have stuck together – in the trenches – week after week, bound together by the sport they love. If only everyday could be soccer day, right?



## DEVOTIONAL THEME: HUMILITY

“Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me”. False! “Death and life are in the power of the tongue”, according to Proverbs 18:21. What about this one: “You can’t teach an old dog new tricks” or “Old habits die hard.” False and true! It all depends on our perspective, and boils down to our teachability. Yes, old habits die hard, but behaviors and attitudes CAN be modified if we’re just willing to concede that we don’t have all the answers. The prideful heart says through boasting, “I know it all,” or through self-pity, “I know nothing.” The humble heart says, “I want to learn more, and have a deep desire to gain as much knowledge as I can.” Pastor Rick Warren says this of wanna be leaders, *“All leaders are learners. The moment you stop learning, you stop leading. I learn as much as I can, from as many as I can, as often as I can.”* Consider too, the top coaches in world of soccer today. Perhaps the very best – Pep Guardiola of Manchester City explains how as a Spaniard, it was difficult (but not impossible) to learn the German language when he became coach at Bayern Munich. *“It is so complicated to learn. Three or four hours a day in the morning with the grammar, after two months I thought: I’m going to call and break the contract. It is so complicated even for German kids to learn. Can you imagine for a 41-year-old man? But I am stubborn!”* Perhaps a better word than “stubborn” would be humble. Guardiola was humble enough to recognize his need for help. Humble enough to spend time – lots of time – learning a foreign language. So, if Pastor Rick and Coach Guardiola believe in the need to keep learning, what’s our excuse? Could it be (dare I say it)...Pride?! If so, it’s time to let go of this distasteful attitude, and instead “Clothe ourselves with humility” (1 Peter 5:5), staying open to new information and to the ideas of others. May we never be afraid of making mistakes (or too prideful to admit them)!



See you on Tuesday!

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– Tom Peters**

## MEMORY VERSE

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