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Attitude Is Everything

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Ready:

Make your own attitude that of Christ Jesus. —Philippians 2:5

Set

As a coach and a player it can be a challenge to have the right attitude. Many times we will say of a player, “He needs an attitude adjustment,” or “Her attitude stinks,” or especially, “If he had the right attitude, he could be a great player.”

Sometimes when we are experiencing winning, we can have a prideful or cocky attitude that is not pleasing to God. Sometimes we need to be humbled, and that humbling can be quite painful.

As a coach at the middle school level, I have found that teaching young athletes to have the right attitude has become one of the most difficult parts of my job. We all see too many high-profile athletes on TV who are glorified as they display a prideful attitude. The “me first, I’m great” attitude is a big negative that we all have to fight. But if we demonstrate the “team first” concept we may just find great success.

Go

1. In the middle of success, how can we be aware that we are displaying the right attitude to our teams?
2. How can we find the balance between being confident in our abilities, and that of our team, and being too prideful?
3. How can we display servanthood without it being taken as weakness?

Workout

Proverbs 8:13; 11:2; John 13:1–9; 1 Corinthians 4:6–7; Philippians 2:5–11

Overtime

Lord, thank You for the success You’ve given us. Help us remember to give the glory to You, because You have blessed us with abilities and talents which we are to use for that purpose. Help us be walking examples for the young people You’ve given us to work with. Amen.

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