

Whatever

Set

Think about the amount of times you hear this word from a coach or teammate. “Whatever.” How many times do you say it?

“Whatever??.?. I don’t really care.”

“Whatever??.?. Coach will never give me playing time.”

“Whatever??.?. I quit.”

The apostle Paul also used the word “whatever” a lot. His use of “whatever” wasn’t about frustration or resignation; it was about completeness and wholehearted commitment. Whatever you are doing, do it for God’s glory (1 Corinthians 10:31). Whatever gifts you have, use them to serve others—be a team player (Romans 12:6-8). Whatever is excellent or pure or whatever is right, think about those things (Philippians 4:6-8).

Jesus lived a “whatever” lifestyle. Whatever His Father wanted Him to say or do, He did it. Jesus never questioned His Father’s will, because He trusted His Father. And trust is the key to the whatever.

As a competitor you can say “whatever” because you don’t trust the people around you, or you can say “whatever” to Jesus because you trust Him. You can say, “Jesus, I know you want the best for me in my sport and my life, so I will say ‘whatever’ to You and Your will for my life.”

Go

1. What areas of your life need to move from an apathetic “whatever” to a sold-out “whatever”?
2. How can you encourage competitors around you to adopt this attitude as well?

Workout

[Mark 10:35-45](#)

[Philippians 4:8-9](#)

Overtime

God, I want to live a “whatever” life that brings You honor and glory—in my sport, as a coach or athlete. I trust You and the plan You have for my life. Amen.



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