

Heart of a Coach – December 2008

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Degrees: BS in Secondary Education

MS in Education Administration

Chosen Attribute: Discernment

What is your personal definition of this word?

Wisdom, keen judgment, understanding & insight

What is one of your favorite quotes from other people about this word?

"The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing." Stephen R. Covey . . . to me that's discernment.

What is your favorite Biblical passage that deals with this characteristic?

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. --Colossians 3:16

Why did you choose that particular passage?

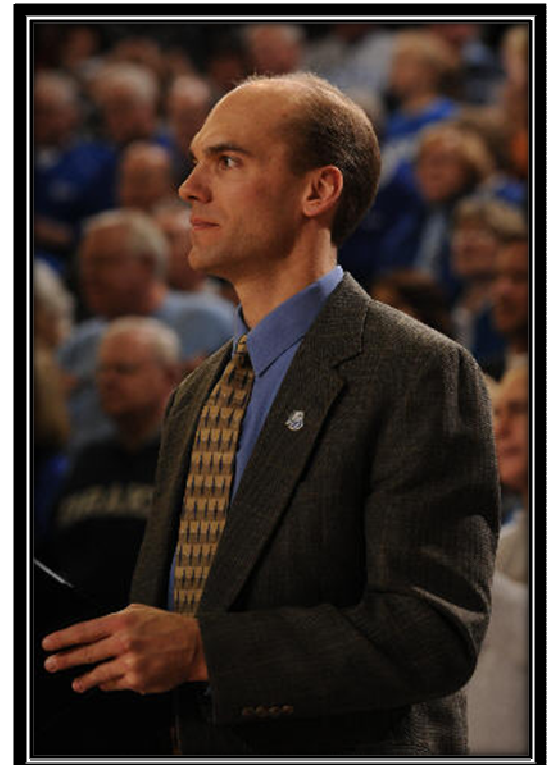
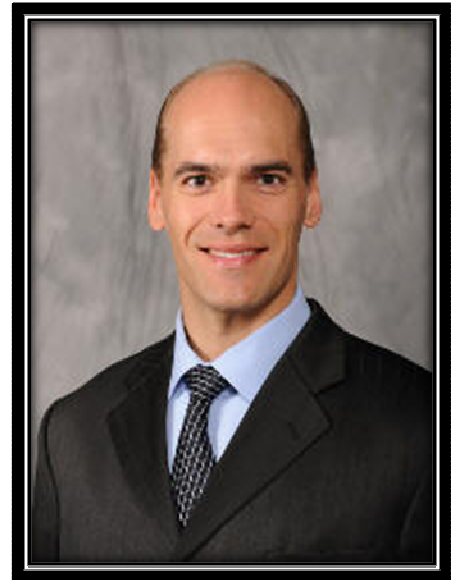
Colossian 3:16 remind me that true wisdom comes from the word of Christ. As you grow in the word, you grow in wisdom and are better equipped to handle every situation through Him.

Please give an application/example of this word in your life.

Being a parent requires much discernment. As a father, I pray daily for wisdom as I teach and admonish.

How do you apply this word in your sport?

To be successful in the game of basketball our players need to make great decisions on & off the court. We need to play to the strengths of our personnel, execute the game plan and know what each situation requires. Teams that play smart, show discernment and play to their potential. The same is true for us in life.



How did you become involved in FCA?

I became involved with FCA through Dave Turnball & Jan Werling and their involvement at Drake, specifically with the women's basketball program. My whole athletic and coaching career my faith has been important to me. I played basketball at a Christian university, but had never had the opportunity to work with FCA until now. FCA is a great organization and has a vital ministry to coaches and athletes at all levels.

How active within FCA are you?

I attend a weekly coach's huddle and assist with team pre-game chapels. Our whole coaching staff values this weekly commitment to focus on growing in our faith in Christ Jesus. God has a specific plan and purpose for each of us. Our huddle time helps us focus on how we can serve our players beyond the court and continue to grow in our own personal faith walk. I receive more than I could ever give.

What is your athletic experience?

Four-year letter winner in men's basketball at Concordia University – Seward, NE
Graduate of Schleswig High School where I focused on basketball while dabbling in other sports some.

What is your coaching experience?

Davenport High School – Davenport, NE 1995-1999 – Head GBB Coach
Concordia University – Seward, NE 1999-2001 – Ast. WBB Coach
Concordia University – Seward, NE 2002-2006 – Head WBB Coach
Drake University – Des Moines, IA 2006-present – Asst. WBB Coach

