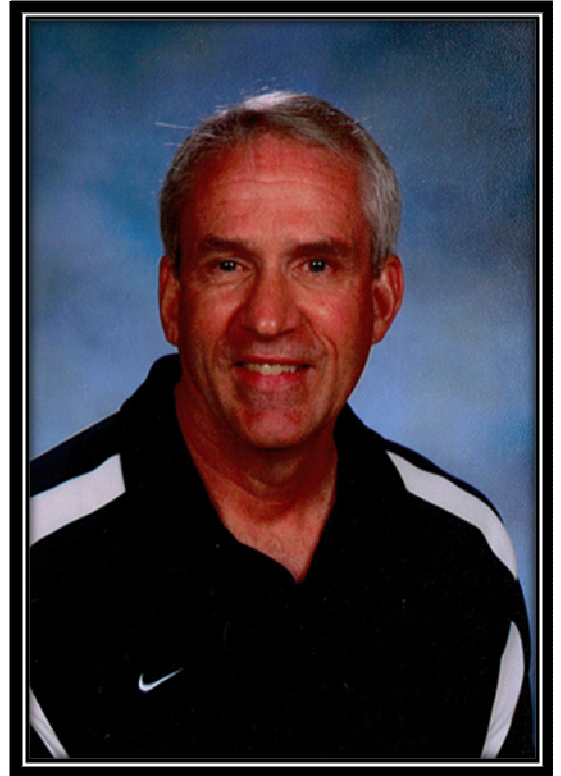


Heart of a Coach – December 2009



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List your chosen attribute: Patience

What is your personal definition of this word? Willingness to wait upon the Lord for His divine timing as well as on others

What are some of your favorite quotes from other people about this word?

“Patience is the companion of wisdom.” St. Augustine

“Patience is passion tamed.” Lyman Abbott

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

Phil. 3:14 – “I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

Why did you choose that particular passage?

Patience is also about endurance and perseverance, two characteristics that are vital in the Christian faith, as well as, in life in general.

Please give an example of this word in your life.

Both of my parents died in a nursing home around the age of 90. Although they did not have much quality of life their last couple of years, their faith and my prayer life grew stronger.

How do you apply this word in your sport?

In coaching basketball, different players develop and mature at different times. We have a no-cut policy for our middle school kids, realizing these differences.

How did you become involved in FCA?

My high school football coach used inspirational audio tapes by Christian Athletes, such as Bob Richards in the 1960's, which sparked my interest in FCA.

How active within FCA where/are you?

I have been an FCA Huddle Coach for more than 25 of my 35 years of teaching and have encouraged other coaches in their involvement.

What is your athletic experience?

I played 8-man football in Nebraska where I was center on a 1969 State Championship Team. I also played basketball as a reserve forward/center throughout high school.

What is your coaching experience?

15 yrs. coaching middle school football and 30 yrs. coaching 8th grade boys basketball all at Lewis Central Middle School in Council Bluffs, IA.