



Monday's Scouting Report – "In His Mitt"

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John Wooden in his book ***One-On-One*** writes that we should always do our best. Each season he coached he would remind his players that there were only 24 hours in a day (86,400 seconds) and that they should always do their best.

We all make plans for what is important to us. We plan our practices down to the minute. We plan for vacations. We plan for retirement. We plan weddings. We plan our daily activities at work. We plan reunions with old friends. We want to be sure those things do not sneak up on us in a way that would cause us to miss the full experience or slack in our responsibilities in completing them.

But why do we often neglect to plan in other areas of our lives? How much effort do we give to developing a plan – *like we do for our practice* - for building wisdom and discernment in the mental, emotional, and character lives of our players?

What is our plan to ensure that we will love our spouses more selflessly in five years than we are today? What is our plan to develop our own children during their formative years? Do our financial plans reflect a desire and effort to be giving more in the future than what we are able to give now? Do we have a plan for enriching our service to needy individuals such as orphans, widows, and anyone who is living in the margins of society?

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ it is a good time to consider a plan on how better to learn more about him and how best to follow Him.

Moreover, as we usher in a new year, it is also a good time to pick some areas in your life for which you recognize a need to plan and put on paper a blueprint for developing those areas.

Finally, pray to God and ask that He show you how to plan so that you can be more effective in putting this plan to action. Ask God how you can make a plan to be a more effective follower of Christ and become a servant leader for your players and coaches.

Merry Christmas!

"A noble person plans noble things; he stands up for noble causes" (Isaiah 32:8)