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Dedication

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15)

A good coach spends time preparing for their responsibilities on the field – developing a practice plan, a plan for game day, a player development in the off-season, etc. Time is spent behind the scenes so that at practice and game day, they and their team will be fully prepared. No coach wants to show up unprepared and unable to assist their players when the game is on the line!

In the same way, we are called as Disciples of Christ to prepare ourselves spiritually. Are you working just as hard? Are you doing your best in matters related to your soul? Paul, in his first letter to Timothy, compared and contrasted the value of physical and spiritual training. *“For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come”* (1 Timothy 4:8).

In the verse above, Paul encouraged Timothy to do his very best when it came to handling the word of God, the Bible. As Disciples of Christ and spiritual mentors to our players, all of us have to account for our effort in studying God’s word.

Being a good student of the bible requires hard work – just like coaching. But when we are prepared we will be more effective in applying the truth to our own life and even helping others (including our players) to understand it more fully as well. God will certainly be pleased when we put forth our best effort!

Question: Are you putting forth your best effort in handling the word of truth?

Challenge: Read 2 Timothy. If you don’t already have one, develop a regular Bible reading plan for you and commit to stick to it. Assist your players in doing the same.

Prayer: Father, thank you for your Word. May it be a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. May my heart be drawn to it and gather from your word day by day.

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