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Growth

“I pray that your participation in the faith may become effective through knowing every good thing that is in us for the glory of Christ.” (Philemon 1:6)

In the verse above Paul attributes Philemon’s continued growth in Christ with his active participation of what he is learning about the faith. As we “learn” it becomes necessary for us “do” in order to fully grow. This is true not only in sport but also spiritually.

As a coach we are constantly learning and growing in our craft. John Wooden in an interview once said; “you should always be learning.” The best coaches always pick out something in the offseason to improve upon and learn how to coach it better for next season.

Coaches do this in order to better teach the skills and knowledge their athletes need to perform at their very best. It is how we serve them as a coach.

I have often noticed at our FCA Baseball Camps how quickly our players grow in their skills as they become partners in the skills training. Similarly, I have witnessed how college athletes grow in their understanding of the faith as they become huddle leaders and helpers during FCA Camps.

Make no mistake about it, as we read, pray and meditate over God’s word it is important that we actively “do” what we are learning. As you “do” you not only fulfill God’s word, but you yourself grow in your faith.

Are spending time praying and meditating on God’s word? And are you actively practicing what you have learned?

Question: What have you learned from this season that you can use to share with your players? Do you have a coaching plan for the off season to improve both your coaching skills and walk with Christ?

Challenge: Review your past season and determine where you need to improve. Read Philemon 1 and Ephesians 4: 1-17.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for your words and the opportunity to leave a Christ-centered impact in the lives of my players through what you are teaching me. Grant me the courage and strength to share this wisdom with my athletes.

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