



*Monday's Scouting Report – "In His Mitt"  
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### ***Inside Out Leadership***

***A leader is a person who must take special responsibility for what's going on inside him or herself, inside his or her consciousness, lest that act of leadership create more harm than good." – Parker J. Palmer***

It has been said that leadership is not what we do, but instead an intimate expression of who we are on the inside. Dan Webster says; *"Leadership, first and foremost, begins on the inside and works out - it is about being a person that others can take seriously. Influence is not primarily about the words we speak - it is about living a life worth following. The first responsibility of every leader is to lead him or herself well."*

Dan goes on to say; *"Our HEART is that place inside us that defines who we are, what we believe, how we decide and which direction we take others. It is where wisdom is birthed and the ability to enjoy life begins. Our heart is where our deepest passions reside and most meaningful dreams originate. Our worship of God flows from the heart and it is where we carry the people we love. Our best performance tends to flow from the heart. Too many leaders only pay lip service to growing their hearts, developing character and becoming more worthy leaders. And as a result, an erosion of leadership impact occurs."*

Truly successful people; 1) develop a set of competencies – their talent touches the plant, 2) build relational alliances not transactional, and 3) build enough character so as not to blow up their life.

As coaches, we have been called to build a legacy. We have been given a position of responsibility that demands us to *encourage, equip, and engage our athletes*. Therefore, we need to have the courage to do whatever it takes to become a person of integrity. We must be willing to travel the "narrow road" and lead ourselves before others.

As coaches, and leaders of athletes, let us remember that the work that has our name on it is the work God wants to do THROUGH us. And the work that is taking place inside us (our heart) is the work that God wants to accomplish IN us.

Let's choose to lead ourselves, before we lead our athletes!

***"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." – Ephesians 2:10***