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Stay on Track!

“My steps have stayed on your path; I have not wavered from following you.” (Psalm 17:5)

One of your roles as coach is to keep your team, and players on track - keeping them focused on your team philosophy and goals for the season. In fact, you may have a theme for the season or some guiding pillars that you instill in each team event, meeting, practice and game.

Tony Dungy in his book, *Quiet Strength*, talks about how he would outline “several basic tenets that would become” his teams hallmarks over the years. It was these “tenants” that would define for his players what the team needed to accomplish in order to be successful.

It is the same in our personal lives. Individually, whether we recognize it or not, we have “tenants” or principals we choose to live by. *(Side note: if we don't have any we choose, than by default we are making a choice ...)*

In Psalm 17:5 we read that David was determined to stay on track! So what does it take to stay on God's track? God tells us we need to watch:

- Our heart (what you think about). *“Though you probe my heart, though you examine me at night and test me, you will find that I have planned no evil.”* (Psalm 17:3a).
- Our words (what we say). *“I have resolved that my mouth will not sin.”* (Psalm 17:3c); and *“Your ‘yes’ must be ‘yes,’ and your ‘no’ must be ‘no,’ so that you won’t fall under judgement.”* (James 5:12b).
- Our feet (the places we go). *“My feet have not slipped.”* (Psalm 17:5b).

As we make plans this season for our teams and players, let us not forget that we too are in need of direction. Choose to pursue God's path and stay on His track.

Question(s): Have you embraced your calling to be a coach? What “tenant(s)” are you choosing to live by?

Challenge: Read Psalm 17 and James (read a chapter a day).

Prayer: Thank you God for the opportunity to build a legacy. Help me to stay on your track. Help me to guide my thoughts, my words, and my actions. Keep my feet from slipping as I aim to honor and accept your calling in my life to build a Christ-centered legacy in the lives of my players. Amen.

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