

Heart of a Coach – September 2015



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List your chosen attribute: Patience

What is your personal definition of this word? Patience is the ability to wait on the best that God has to offer.

What are some of your favorite quotes from other people about this word?

“Patience is the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset.” - dictionary definition

“I believe that a trusting attitude and a patient attitude go hand in hand. You see, when you let go and learn to trust God, it releases joy in your life. And when you trust God, you’re able to be more patient. Patience is not just about waiting for something...it’s about how you wait, or your attitude while waiting.” - Joyce Meyer

What are your favorite Biblical passages that deal with this characteristic?

“We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy,” Colossians 1:11

Why did you choose that particular passage? That verse gives me comfort in the face of adversity.

Please give an application/example of this word in your life. My wife has endured two bouts with leukemia and made it through, while I managed things at home with our children.

How do you apply this word in your sport? Often in sports, things don’t go the way you plan, so how you respond is very important because your athletes follow you, the coach.

How did you become involved in FCA? I joined FCA in my high school when it started in 1980, going to my first all-sports camp in 1981 in Northfields, MN. Then in 2008 I was asked to join the football coaching staff at the Pella all-sports camp and have been there every summer since.

How active within FCA are you?

Besides coaching at the summer camps, I facilitate an FCA coaches huddle at my school.

What is your athletic experience? Besides playing four sports in high school, I played football for four years, basketball for three years, baseball for two years and ran track for one year at Central College.

What is your coaching experience? I was assistant/head football coach, assistant/head boys basketball coach, assistant boys track coach and assistant baseball coach during my seven years at Belmond-Klemme High School in Iowa. After moving to Pella, I have been an assistant/head football coach, middle school and high school girls basketball coach, middle school boys basketball coach, middle and high school assistant track coach and high school assistant softball coach.