

Why John Wooden's Teams Won
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Making the Most of Oneself

Be true to yourself.

Make each day your masterpiece.

Help others.

Drink deeply from good books.

Make friendship a fine art.

Build shelter against a rainy day.

Pray for guidance and give thanks for your blessings everyday.

1. He achieved _____ **BEFORE** he led his team to victory.

John Wooden's Strategy to Find Happiness...

Make and Keep Nine Promises.

1. Promise yourself that you will talk health, happiness, and prosperity as often as possible.
2. Promise yourself to make all your friends know there is something in them that is special and that you value.
3. Promise to think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best in yourself and others.
4. Promise to be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
5. Promise yourself to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
6. Promise to forget the mistakes of the past and press on to greater achievements in the future.
7. Promise to wear a cheerful appearance at all times and give every person you meet a smile.
8. Promise to give so much time improving yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
9. Promise to be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit trouble to press on you.

2. He was a _____ than other college coaches.

The Law of the Edge: The Difference Between Two Equally Talented Teams

is Leadership

3. He was above average in _____ players.

How Coach Wooden Selected His Players:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____ of Six Coaches.
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

4. He motivated his players to _____ their _____ as part of the team.

The Law of the Niche: All Players Have a Place Where They Add the Most Value.

“A person must be interested in finding the best way, not in having their own way.”

“Teamwork is not a preference, it’s a requirement.” John Wooden

5. He paid attention to _____ and _____.

“Perfection is an impossibility but striving for perfection is not. Do the best you can. That is what counts.”
John Wooden

“I wanted to win every single game I ever played in or coached,” he said. “But, I understand that ultimately the winning or losing may not be under my control. What was under my control was how I prepared myself and our team. I judged my success, my ‘winning,’ on that. It just made more sense.

“Winning games, titles and championships isn’t all it’s cracked up to be,” he added, “but getting there, the journey, is a lot more than it’s cracked up to be.”

“Make every day your masterpiece.” John Wooden

“Once the opportunity arrives, it’s too late to prepare.” John Wooden

John Wooden’s Five Steps of Teaching:

- 1) _____ – Tell them what you want them to _____.
Tell them what you want them to _____.
- 2) _____ – Show them what you want them to know; Show them what you want them to do.
- 3) _____ – “Show me what you can do, don’t tell me what you can do.”
- 4) _____ – “Mix idealism with realism and add hard work. This will often bring much more than you could ever hope for.”
- 5) _____ - { A person must hear something several times to _____ it.
A person must do something several times to _____ it.



“If you prepare properly, you may be outscored but you will never lose. You always win when you make the full effort to do the best of which you’re capable.” John Wooden

6. He _____ with others.

“If you listen to them, they’ll listen to you.” John Wooden

I saw love once, I saw it clear / It had no leash. It had no fear.
It gave itself without a thought. / No reservation had it bought.
It seemed so free to demonstrate. / It seemed obsessed, To orchestrate.
A symphony designed to feed, / Composed to lift the one in need.
Concern for others was its goal, / No matter what would be the toll.
It’s strange just how much care it stores, / To recognize its neighbor’s sores.
And doesn’t rest until the day, / It’s helped to take the sores away.
Its joy retains and does not run, / Until the blessing’s job is done.
I saw love once. ‘Twas not pretend. / He was my coach. He is my friend. Swen Nater

“A life not lived for others is not a life.” Mother Teresa

On Trust: “You will be hurt occasionally if you trust too much, but you will live in torment if you do not trust enough.”
John Wooden

Observations After I Left John Wooden:

1) He is a Special Person

On Learning: “Learn as if you were going to live forever, and live as if you were going to die tomorrow.”
John Wooden

2) I learned so much in such a short time.

3) I want to be like him

Answers: Personal Victories; Better Leader; Analyzing; Transcript; Family Life; Composite Evaluation; Quickness; Talent; Fulfill; Roles; Fundamentals; Details; Explanation; Know; Do; Demonstration; Initiation; Correction; Repetition; Believe; Achieve; Worked Well