

Lesson Notes:

God's Greatest Coach

Many of us have heard about great coaches. Vince Lombardi and Tony Dungy are examples of outstanding coaches. Great coaches have several characteristics in common. They are as follows:

- 1) Characteristics of a Great Coach
 - A) Loves his players or disciples
 - B) An uncanny ability to evaluate, direct and teach
 - C) An over-whelming desire for the success of his players

God has provided us with an outstanding coach to help direct and guide us. That coach is the "Holy Spirit". Following are examples of how the "Holy Spirit" can be a great coach in our lives:

Scripture

Love

- 1) **Christ tells the disciples that he will be going away (John 14: 1-4) but he tells them that he will send them a comforter or helper that will abide with them forever (John 14: 15-17).** - That helper is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit demonstrates his Love for us by always being with us and never forsaking us.
- 2) **The Holy Spirit prays for us and intercedes for us with God (Romans 8:26). Always our Friend praying for us and interceding for us.** - This further demonstrates his Love for us.

Teach & Direct

- 3) **Christ promised (John 14:26) his disciples that the Holy Spirit would teach them all things.**
- 4) **Paul (1 Corinthians 2:10-11) tells us that the Holy Spirit is omnipotent, omniscience and omnipresent.** - An ever present, all knowing and all powerful manifestation of God is well equipped to direct and teach us.
- 5) **Paul tells us (1 Corinthians 2:12-13; Hebrews 10:15-16; John 16:13) that the Holy Spirit actually gives us the wisdom and the words to communicate the good news to the rest of the World.** - The Book of John is a beautiful example of this in **John 1:1-10.**
- 6) **Paul tells us (1 Corinthians 2:14-16) that the Holy Spirit gives us the "mind of God" so we can understand the Spiritual Truths and the Holy Scripture.**

- 7) The Holy Spirit (John 16:8) gives us knowledge of our sin and that we need Christ as atonement for our sin.**

Desire for Our Success

- 8) God loves us so much that he gave up his only begotten son (John 3:16-17) so that we may successfully obtain everlasting life. - Jesus (Hebrews 9:27-28)** was appointed to die for our sins and when he returns again it will be to bring us to salvation and everlasting life. Again God's promise is for everyone and he wants us to be successful in our journey through life.