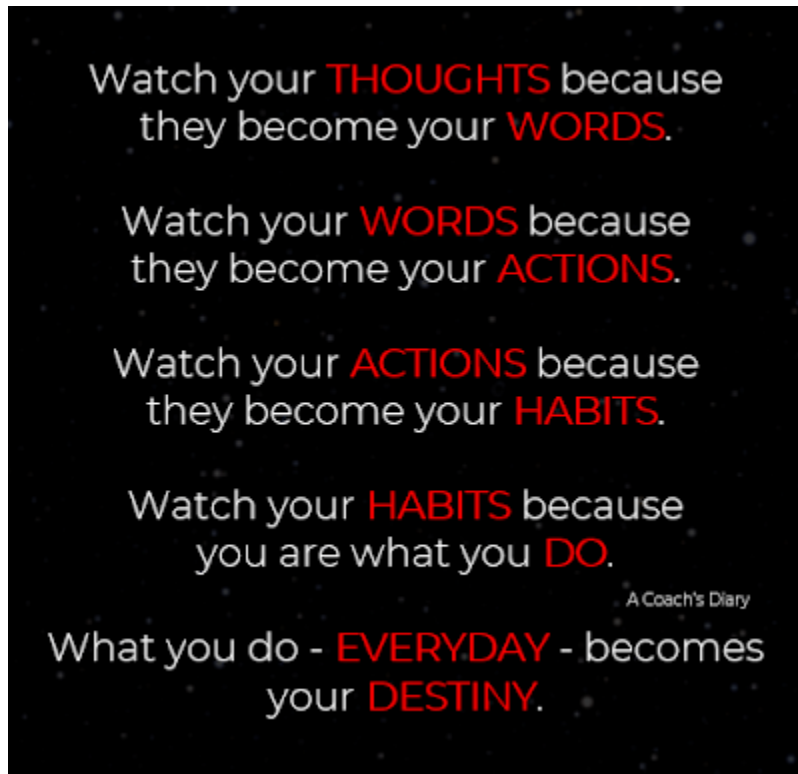


Week 35 | IMAGINATION

"IMAGINATION is a God-given gift, but if it was fed dirt by the eye, it will be dirty." - D.A. Carson



- Watch your thoughts because they become your words.
- Watch your words because they become your actions.
- Watch your actions because they become your habits.
- Watch your habits because you are what you do.
- What you do - everyday - becomes your destiny.

God has given us all a lot of great gifts, and our IMAGINATION is one of the greatest gifts that He has given us. The tricky thing about our IMAGINATION is that we can use it for good just as easily as we use it for bad.

Dr. Doug Gardner wrote, "One of the most overused clichés in sports is that 90% of performance is mental. The problem is that 90% of coaches and athletes spend 100% of their time working on the physical and fundamental aspects related to their sport. They often neglect and ignore the one area that ultimately separates successful athletes from those who do not reach their full potential.

In reality, sports are 100% mental. Our thoughts influence our actions and our actions influence our thoughts. This never-ending cycle often leads athletes and

coaches to attribute poor performance in practice and competition to thinking too much."

If we want to be the best that we can be, we have to learn how to manage our thoughts and our IMAGINATION.

The goal is to use our IMAGINATION for good, and the most effective way to do this is to use our IMAGINATION as a way to connect with God. In 2nd Corinthians 3:15-18, Paul wrote, "We all, with unveiled faces, are looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord and are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory; this is from the Lord who is the Spirit."

When we can see God with unveiled faces, we are able to see His power, His grace, and we are able to see His love, joy, and peace. When we seek God, we are able to become more and more like Him. Our IMAGINATION can help with this, and it starts with knowing that Jesus was sent to save us and to show us how to live. Use your IMAGINATION to see Jesus with you every day because He is with you every day. Use your IMAGINATION to find Jesus every day and in everything that you do. Jesus is always with you. He is leading you, guiding you, and protecting you. Using your IMAGINATION, see the life and the plans that God has for you. He has plans to prosper you and to give you hope and a future. The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and destroy. Jesus came that we may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance, to the full, until it overflows.

Use your IMAGINATION to see and feel the life that God has for you. What does God have for you?

This Week:

1 - Find ways to spend more time with Jesus so that you can see and feel His presence in your life. When you wake up every morning, talk to God before you get out of bed. When you lay down at night, talk to God before you fall asleep.

2 - IMAGINE that Jesus is walking with you every day - because He is. Make every decision as if God is next to you, helping you, leading you, and guiding you.

Prayer: Our Father, show me my use for your purpose. Guide me towards that purpose. Help my thoughts and IMAGINATION align with yours so that I can live the life that I am meant to live.