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Stewards In Action

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STEWARDSHIP – Living Without Compromise

Greeting, to you and what a wonderful blessing we have received from our Lord Jesus Christ. He has given us another opportunity to love, live and share the truth that Jesus, our soon coming King, is still Lord of all.

As the Lord had directed this subject, I realized the importance of the message. Our brothers and sisters are facing challenges maintaining the basic needs. Jobs are scarce, some struggle to keep their homes, crime is on the rise, cost of college seems to be out of reach, and the list continues. However, in it all there is one fact that has not changed and that is Jesus is still in control and his love is everlasting.

FIRST DOWN AND GOAL! CONTINUES

Each team as a head coach

The head coach that loves his team wants them to be their best and build on a solid foundation. The head coach knows that to develop each player's skills there must be daily training. At first, the body will ache and become tired. The brain will say, I do not need all this training every day, I know what to do. Nevertheless, the coach knows, if you do not train every day, the body will not be able to perform to its maximum potential.

The coach has to plan so that each training session helps each player improve on the skills they already have and use equipment designed to help the players be better than they would be if they were on his own.

The coach knows each team member and their limits and he never pushes the player past that point because he loves them. Each play is different and has different needs, and the coach responds to each player's needs without making any player feel he prefers one more than another.

The head coach now assigns each player a position. The assignment is not to please the player's ego, but to place them where they can do their best. Sometimes the players are disappointed at the position they are assigned because they feel they can do it all. The key point is; the head coach assigns each position so the team as a unit, working together, can win.

Each player has a position

Offensive Line: The main job of the offensive line is to block for the quarterback and running backs. These sound simple, but offensive linemen must be prepared for all sorts of stunts and tricks thrown at them from the defense. Offensive linemen tend to be big and strong. Without a strong offensive line, the rest of the football team will struggle.

The offensive line has five (5) positions:

The center - In the middle of the offensive line, the center snaps the football to the quarterback.

Right and left Guard - these are the two offensive linemen on either side of the center.

Right and left Tackle - the two offensive linemen next to the guards.

Tight end: Tight ends are combination offensive linemen and receivers. Tight ends need to be big, strong, fast, and have good hands.

Wide Receivers: These football players line up on or near the line of scrimmage. These players main job is to get open and catch passes. The main skill of wide receivers is the ability to catch the football and speed.

Running Backs: These football players line up in the backfield. Their main job is to carry the football, but running backs also need to block during pass plays. Full backs are a type of running back whose main job is to block. Running backs are usually strong, fast, and able to see the field and quickly cut toward openings in the defense. Running backs also are receivers and often catch several passes during a football game.

Quarterback: The quarterback is the player who gets the ball from the center and runs the play. Quarterbacks need to be good passers, be able to see the field, read the defense, and make good decisions quickly.

Defensive Line: Their main job is to stop the surge of the offensive linemen on a rushing play and to get to the passer on a pass play. Defensive players must be able to react to the offense and play both the run and the pass. On any given play, a defender may have a different job, but we will describe the typical positions and defensive football players. There are usually three to five players on a defensive line including:

Nose Guard: The nose guard is a big, strong player who can clog up the middle and make it hard for the offensive team to run the ball.

Defensive Tackles: Similar to the nose guard (or instead of the nose guard), these football players are the inside force of the defensive line.

Defensive Ends: These football players play outside the tackles. Their main job is to rush the passer and to keep any rushing plays contained from getting outside. These players are big and strong, but also fast so they can get around the outside and to the quarterback.

Linebackers: The linebackers make up the next line of defense. Linebackers are usually the main tacklers on the defense. They plug holes in the defensive line when rushers try to get through. Linebackers must be fast and good tacklers.

Cornerbacks: These football players cover the wide receivers and try to prevent them from catching a pass. They also help out on run plays that get passed the linebackers.

Safety: Safeties are there to prevent the big play. At least one safety tries to stay behind the wide receivers if they should pass the cornerbacks. Safeties also help the linebackers out on run plays.

Football player positions on the special teams:

Special teams is an oft overlooked, but very important part of winning football games. Special teams play on kick-offs, punts, extra points, and field goals.

Punter: The punter is the kicker who kicks punts. A good punt will be long and high to allow for the tacklers to get downfield. A good punter will also be able to control his distance and to stop the ball inside the 20 yard line.

Field Goal kicker: This player kicks field goals and extra points. Accuracy is key here. This football player usually kicks the kick-off as well where distance is the main goal.

Place Holder: The player that holds the ball for the field goal kicker.

Long Snapper: The center who snaps the ball to the punter. This is a special skill and is often not the same player as the **center**.

We took time to list the positions so you could see the responsibility each positions and how critical it is to the success of the team. Sometime we see the glamour positions and desire that rank, but as I reviewed the list I read, PLACE HOLDER – holds the ball for the field goal kicker. I began to think, if the teams were tied and it was fourth down and the team with the ball was in field goal position, they could win if they kicked FIELD GOAL. The Place Holder is now a key position. The kicker maybe great, but the ball must be in place and held correctly if the kicker is to do his best. Although the position carries no real notice if done correctly, failure would be noted for a lifetime. Lord, help me accept my position on your team, to give my best and do it with love for you. Amen

Should the Lord delay his coming, November - Position Assignments
His steward, Karen



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