



FCA Impact Play: "**Priceless**"

READY:

"So if anyone purifies himself from these things, he will be a special instrument, set apart, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work." - 2 Timothy 2:21

SET:

Since 1997, MasterCard has received hundreds of awards for their catchy ad campaign featuring the slogan "Priceless." As Christians, I think the slogan for our relationships with Christ should be "Serving is Priceless." Most people think that serving is the same thing as service. I disagree. I believe there is a huge difference between the two. Christ did not come to give good service, He came to serve. As an athlete I am not suppose to give good service to my teammates, I am to serve them. As a coach, I serve my team, I do not provide them a service. Service is something you pay for or something you expect, (i.e. good service at a restaurant or at a gas station). But you don't pay for serving. Serving goes deeper than service. Service is the surface stuff. Serving deals with heart issues. It involves sacrifice. It involves meeting real needs.

Christ desires that we as athletes and coaches become servants to our teammates, friends, family and communities. He has set us apart for a great work. We are His instruments--His serving instruments! That is hard to understand. It seems like everyone in the world of sports wants to be a leader, not a servant. Jesus never told us to be leaders, but He did tell us to be servants. This summer, FCA had thousands of athletes attend FCA Leadership Camps. At one of the camps, I shared with the students that they were really at a Servant Camp, not a Leadership Camp. To be a leader you must serve, and that is my challenge to you today. Fulfill Christ's calling on your life and become a servant!

GO:

1. On a scale of 1- 5, how well are you serving others (teammates, coaches, friends, family)?
2. Do you give service when Christ wants you to engage in serving? If so, when?
3. How has God gifted you to serve? How has He set you apart?
4. Zig Zigler said, "You are the only person on earth who can use

your ability." Are you using your ability to serve?

WORKOUT:
Ephesians 2:10
2 Timothy 2:21

OVERTIME:
"Lord Jesus, teach me how to serve. I realize that my teammates and friends need to see what Jesus looks like. I pray that when I serve they will be able to see You. Help me to fully understand that You have set me apart for a great work. I want to be Your instrument today--one who brings You glory."

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