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Positive attitudes create positive people

The harder you work, the harder it is to lose. Vince Lombardi

> The price of greatness is responsibility. *Winston Churchill*

To experience life, and to learn it's truth- this is wisdom. *Wynn Davis* 

AND BY THIS WE KNOW WE HAVE COME TO KNOW HIM, IF WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS. 1 JOHN 2:3

## "Gentlemen, This is a football"

Vince Lombardi, the legendary coach of the Green Bay Packers, won coach of the Year in 1959, was inducted into the hall of fame

in 1971, and is the namesake for the current Superbowl trophy. Lombardi was known for his ability to motivate and inspire those around him. What was his recipe for success? It included a good coaching staff, players who would work and give it their all, ingenuity and clever thinking, and a good fan base. He is often remembered for the opening speech he gave his team each year on the first day of pre-season training. His legendary speech would always begin with the words,

## "Gentlemen, this is a football."

Even though his players had played the game of football for years and knew the game and what it was about, Lombardi would begin with those five simple words,

### "Gentlemen, this is a football."

Vince Lombardi would then go over the basics of what a football is and its role in the game. He would then take his team out and show them the field, explaining where the out-of-bounds lines and the end zones were. He would go over the basics of the game, explaining rules and organization of players. Why spend time on the basics of the game when everyone knew them? Repetition is the word that I think of; repetition and necessity. (Notes on Vince Lombardi by Jennifer Briggs)

It's easy in our busy lives to get away from the basics that made us successful. Whether it's training for a position at work, memorizing information for a school exam, running a successful business, or managing and maintaining balance at home, it's important to get back to the basics again and again. And remember.....

"Gentlemen, this is a football."

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