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**TOUR**

*"Developing a Game for Life"*



## *Seven Life Essentials*

# *Honesty*

- The quality or fact of being upright and fair. Truthfulness, sincerity, or frankness and freedom from deceit or fraud.
  - Philippians 4:8
    - And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.
- Golf example of honesty:
  - Being truthful about your score on a hole is an example of honesty.

# *Integrity*

- The act of an adherence to moral and ethical principles; the state of being whole, entire, or undiminished.
- Honesty and Integrity go hand in hand because you can not have Integrity without honesty.
  - Romans 12:17
    - Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable.
- **Golf example of Integrity**
  - After you complete a round of golf and you are checking the scores you see that the person who kept your score has you down for a 7 on a hole, but you really had an 8. You correct the score before you turn in your card.

# *Sportsmanship*

- Being courteous, a cheerful loser, not proud or arrogant; modest; good tempered and humble.
  - Proverbs 12:16
    - A fool is quick-tempered, but a wise person stays calm when insulted.
  - Proverbs 11:2
    - Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.
- Golf example of Sportsmanship
  - Shaking hands with each playing partner after you have completed your round.
  - Pulling the pen out for your playing partners without having them ask you.

# *Perseverance*

- Steady persistence in a course of action, a purpose, a state, etc., especially in spite of difficulties, obstacles, or discouragement.
- Synonyms: Steadfastness, dedication, and endurance.
  - **Philippians 3:13b-14**
    - ...but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.
- Golf example of Perseverance.
  - You score a double par on the first few holes, but instead of dwelling on your bad situation, you press on and fight through to finish the game. You don't give up.

# *Determination*

- The act of coming to a decision or of fixing or settling on a cause or purpose; dedicated totally to that cause or purpose.
- Synonyms: *Conviction, Dedication, Resolution, and persistence.*
  - **I Cor. 9:24-25**
    - Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize.
- Golf example of Determination
  - Setting a goal of being a better golfer and doing the work that can make that happen. Using the practice play benefit that you have as a tour member and playing every day of the week.

# Character

- The collection of features and traits that form the individual's nature of a person.
- Good Character traits: Honesty, Integrity, Sportsmanship, Determination, and perseverance
  - Romans 5:3-4
    - We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.
- Golf Example of Character
  - After the round is over you add up your scores , sign the score card then later you realize the you put an incorrect score on a hole. Even though no one would ever know that the score was incorrect and you know that it will cause you to be disqualified, you still let the tournament director know that you signed an incorrect score.

# Commitment

- **The act of committing, pledging, or engaging oneself. A pledge or promise; obligation.**
- **What is the most important commitment we can make?**
  - **Psalm 37:5**
    - Commit everything you do to the LORD. Trust him, and he will help you.
  - **Proverbs 16:3**
    - Commit your actions to the LORD, and your plans will succeed.
- **Golf Example of Commitment**
  - You are committed to your game no matter what the cost. With determination you finish strong with honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, perseverance and character. These are the seven essentials that will help you develop a game for life.