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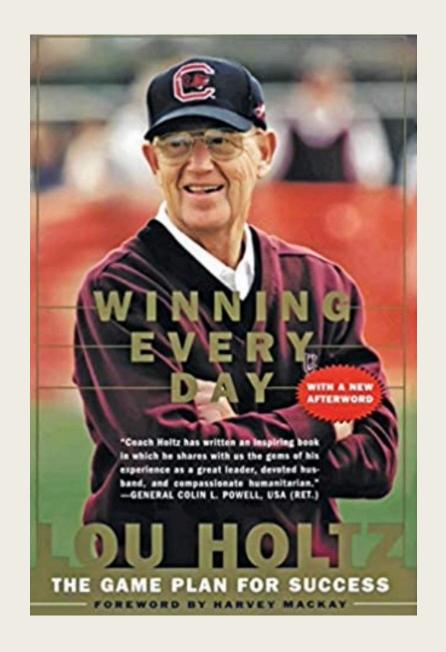
Our MS TEAMS Meeting will start shortly ... 9:00 AM CENTRAL

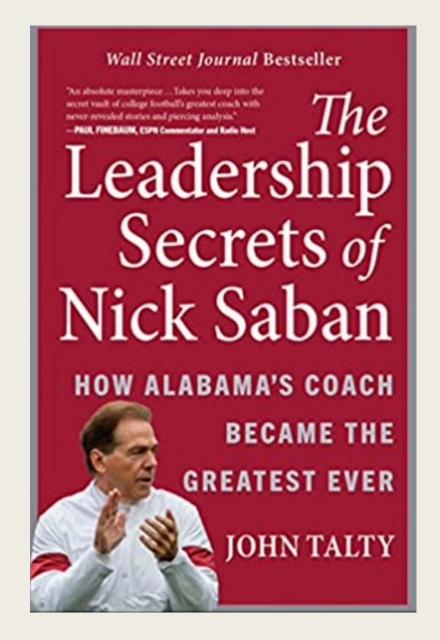


# BUSINESS LEADERSHIP LESSONS FROM OUTSIDE BUSINESS:

LESSONS FROM FOOTBALL GREATS LOU HOLTZ AND NICK SABAN







#### Football Team Success





33 seasons Head Coach

Holtz 249-132-7, .651 Win%

Bowl Record: 22 Games, 12-8-2, .591 Win

1 National Championship (1988)

1 SoCon (1970)

1 ACC (1973)

1 SWC (1979)

2× Paul "Bear" Bryant Award ('77, '88)

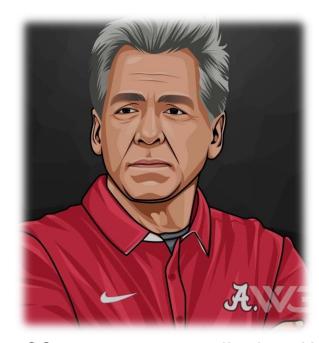
2× Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year ('77, '88)

College Football Hall of Fame

1960	lowa (assistant)
1961-1963	William & Mary (assistant)
1964-1965	Connecticut (assistant)
1966-1967	South Carolina (assistant)
1968	Ohio State (assistant)
1969-1971	William & Mary
1972-1975	NC State
1976	New York Jets
1977-1983	<u>Arkansas</u>
1984-1985	<u>Minnesota</u>
1986-1996	Notre Dame
1999-2004	South Carolina

#### Football Team Success





26 seasons as a collegiate Head Coach

Saban 274-67-1 (. 803) Win %

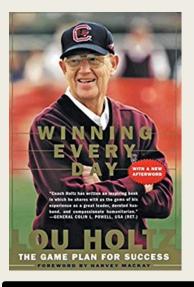
183-25 (. 880) mark in Tuscaloosa

8 SEC Championships at Alabama
10 SEC titles - (2001, 2003 at LSU)

7 national championships (2003 at LSU)

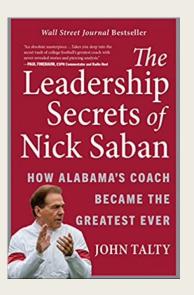
Most National Championships record

1973-1974	Kent State (GA)
1975-1976	Kent State (LB)
1977	Syracuse (OLB)
1978-1979	<u>West Virginia</u> (DB)
1980-1981	Ohio State (DB)
1982	Navy (DB)
1983-1987	Michigan State (DC/DB)
1988-1989	Houston Oilers (DB)
1990	<u>Toledo</u>
1991-1994	Cleveland Browns (DC)
1995-1999	Michigan State
2000-2004	<u>LSU</u>
2005-2006	Miami Dolphins
2007-present	<u>Alabama</u>



#### Holtz

- Published in 1998
- Holtz wrote in a few weeks
- Many leadership and life lessons
- Prompted by motivational speeches
- Football and business anecdotes
- Personal
- Heartfelt
- Humorous
- Failures and success highlights
- A must read
- Best Seller, 1 of 2





#### Saban

- Published in Sept. 2022
- Written by John Talty, Sportswriter
- Not authorized by Saban
- Extensively Interview based anecdotes
- Numerous leadership / success lessons
- Focus on Process and methods
- Promotes extreme attention to detail
- Emphasis on *The Process*, not results
- Building culture
- Adapting to succeed
- Best Seller

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# Saban Key Leadership Secrets:



- Focus on *THE PROCESS*, not the results
- You can't be the only leader
- Don't let outside factors impact your goals
- Don't waste a failing
- Preparation is everything
- Evaluate yourself constantly, evolve
- Complacency kills future success



# Building Team Framework



- *Everyone* is on the team
- *Everyone* has an impact
- **Everyone**, every thing has detailed & defined expectations
- Don't fill organization with people without a specific role in mind
- Everything is about recruiting







# Everything is about recruiting



- Everyone receives Masterclass on attention to detail, Day one
- Focus is on how everything impacts recruiting
- Focus everyday on recruiting
- Saban views recruiting as competition
- Takes 100's of recruiting tapes on vacation
- Use "Saban Sheets" eliminates any bias
- Detailed requirements each position, no exceptions
- DB's six ft and 33 inch arms
- Mental and physical requirements defined

#### 3 Main Recruiting Components:

- No Guesswork, have parameters
- Information is king
- Don't be afraid to adjust opinion



Beware bad hires, nothing more important than good hires!

#### Focus on THE PROCESS



- Co-creator, Dr. Lionel Rosen, Michigan State Univ.
- Saban's life work
- A daily way of living
- Focuses on the immediate task at the moment
- Task broken down to granular level
- Brings simplicity and clarity, eliminates noise
- Winning is not the focus
  - Zero in for best effort on immediate task
- No goals set for National Championships or Conference Titles
- Goal to better today than yesterday
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 1, game on the line mentality, 4Q Program

THE PROCESS is really about having extreme discipline and desire to focus daily on the immediate task



"Do you want to live with the pain of discipline or the pain of disappointment?"

# Saban Key Leadership Secrets



#### Can't be only leader

- Saban unquestioned leader
- Others lead accountability
- Lieutenants instill message & vision
- Turn alphas into leaders
- Mental buy-in trickles down
- Start developing leaders day 1
- Leadership is a responsibility
- No rah-rah guy
- Lieutenants will not look /act like you

#### Don't waste a failing

- Handle loss critical to rebound
- Own losses as leader
- Hold each other accountable
- Take advantage of openness to change after a loss
- So what ... now what?

#### Preparation is everything

- No surprises
- No wasted time, plan day to the minute
  - Little Debbies and Chicken Salad
- Saban is a grinder, relentless
- Practice until you can't get it wrong
- Heavy research every aspect of game, recruiting, etc.. Information is king
- The most prepared person is likely to achieve success
- By failing to prepare... you are preparing to fail

# Saban Key Leadership Secrets



#### Evaluate constantly, evolve

- Game changes, evolve with it
- What brings success not keep you #1
- Change hard when things are good
- Built 2<sup>nd</sup> run based on willingness to change
- Hire different skills
- Strategies , not mission change

#### Complacency kills

- Breeds disregard for doing what's right
- 24 hour rule
- New organization each year
- Focus on THE PROCESS
- Demand excellence
- Success not a continuum



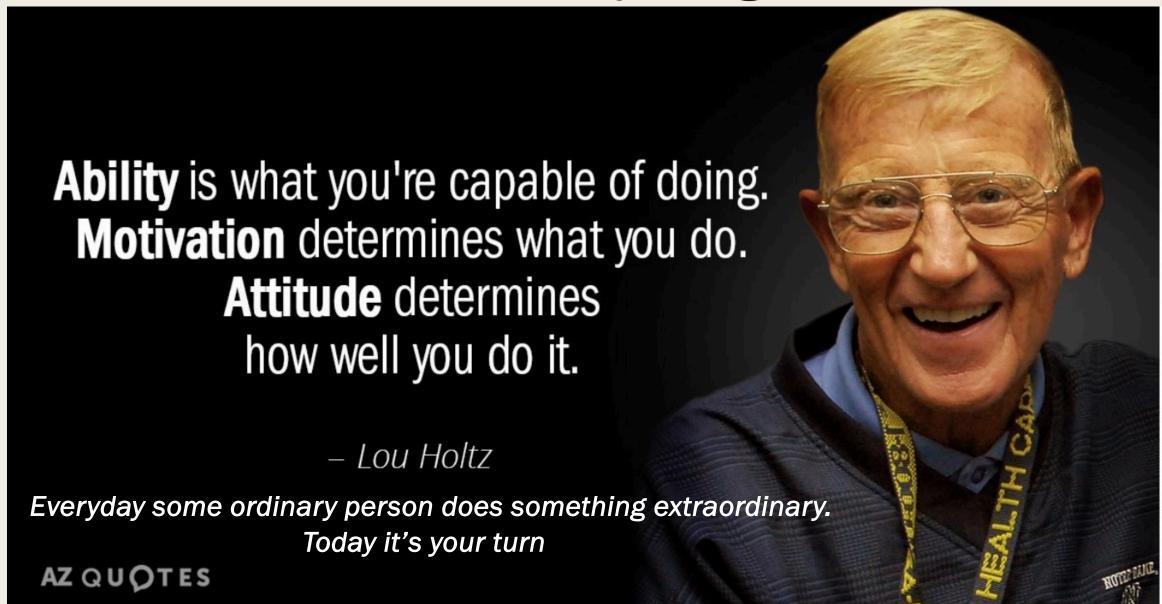
### **HOLTZ** Key Leadership Lessons:



- Attitude determines everything in life
- Tackle Adversity Gain a distinct advantage
- Establish a sense of purpose
- Make sacrifice your ally
- Adapt of die
- Chase your dreams
- Nurture your self-image
- Foster trust
- Commit to excellence
- Handle with care



# Attitude determines everything in life



# Holtz Key Leadership Lessons



#### Tackle Adversity

- And gain a distinct advantage
- 3 crisis per year
- Don't overcome setbacks.....Learn from them
- Focus on what you have, not what you lack
- Mothers birth sons / daughters, not doctors and lawyers
- No interest in excuses, only in results
- Remember the blind man...

#### Sacrifice an ally

- Every sacrifice builds character
- Welcome difficult tasks
- Sacrifices build selfesteem
- And keep you humble
- Sacrifice build competitive advantage

Few people willing to make

#### Adapt or Die

- Complacency is your enemy
- Once #1, no one to chase
- Competitors emulate your success
- You can always improve
- Dream BIGGER
- Refocus on fundamentals
- Maintain enthusiasm ...
   Greek for, Inspired by GOD
- Own your failures





# Holtz Key Leadership Lessons



#### Foster Trust

- Just do right
- Establish your "DO RIGHT"
- Consult Bible if confused
- Honorable acts, people trust
- Be a role model
- Trust attracts people of integrity to your

# Commit to Excellence

- Set high standards
- Accept nothing but your best efforts
- Never be afraid to demand excellence
- Team never achieves potential unless you lead challenge
- Don't lower standards in hard times
- Discipline is what you do for yourself

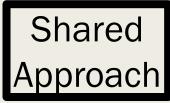
#### Handle with Care

- Do you care about me?
- Follow Golden Rule
- Concern for others welfare creates value
- Don't confuse compassionate with leniency
- Mix discipline with love
- Lower your guard, not your expectations
- Being caring means being thoughtful

#### As Leaders.....



- Both highly successful in football
- Both National Championships
- Both at premier schools
- Both emulated by others
- Both Catholic
- Both dedicated to charities
- Both highly sought after speakers



- Both Stress fundamentals
- Both stress sacrifice to succeed
- Both stress team over individual
- Both stress character development
- Both focus on complacency
- Both prioritize education, GPA ...
- Utilize failures as a tool



- Holtz more personable, entertaining
- Saban viewed more business-like
- Holtz more motivational
- Saban more discipline focused
- Holtz outspoken on issues of faith
- Saban less public on faith















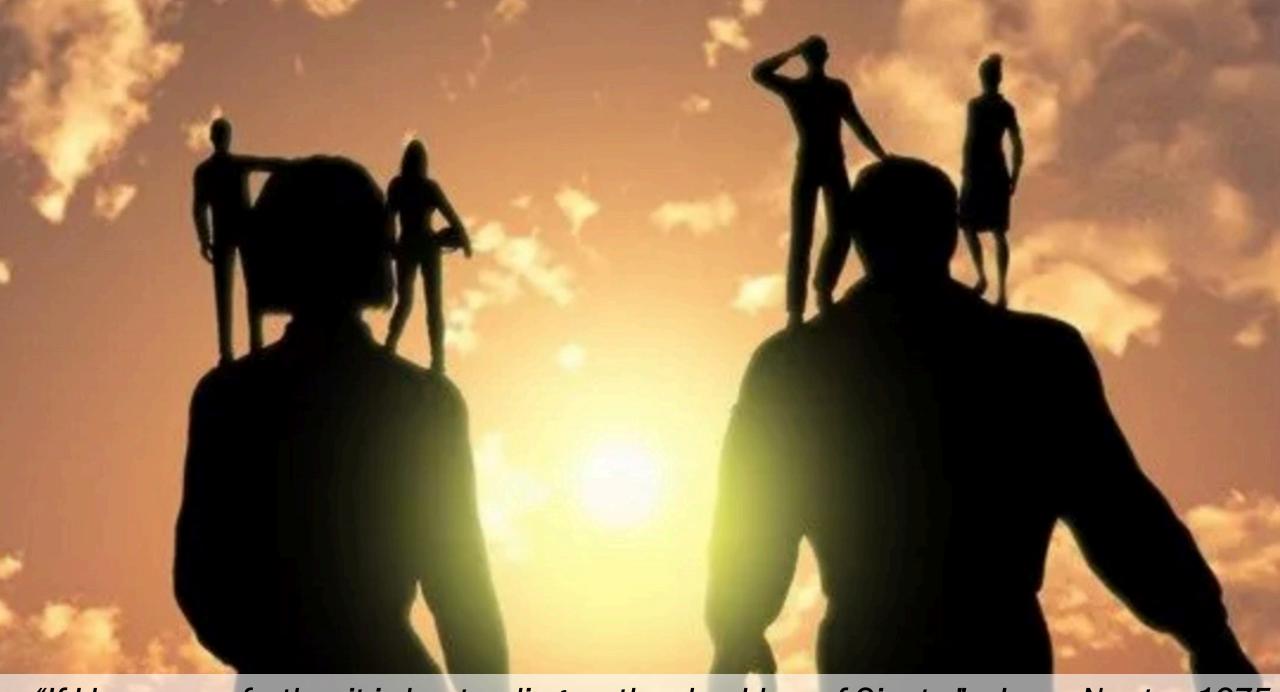












"If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants." Isaac Newton 1675

# Standing on shoulders of giants... Saban a student of Holtz?



- Absolutely. Not printed, but no doubt in my mind
- Nothing new in Saban's leadership approach
- Saban built foundation on same principles of Holtz leadership
- A student of many others like Woody Hayes, Bill Belecheck, etc...
- Applied and improved upon each leadership approach
- Same focus on discipline and fundamentals
- Discovered how to sustain and adapt approach
- Successful at avoiding complacency, enemy to all who reach top of profession

The difference...

Consistent,
relentless focus
everyday on
fundamentals to be
the best!

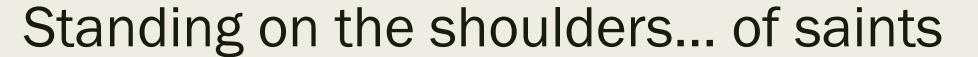


#### How does this relate to our faith?



- Faith requires discipline
- Fundamentals are important aspects of faith
- Everyday focus is required
- Focus on the immediate opportunity
- Be better, more holy today than yesterday... be a grinder
- Be open to change after a failure
- Make sacrifice your ally
- Adapt or die
- Commit to excellence, foster trust, handle with care







- Our faith stands on shoulders of the saints and prophets
- No need for us to go alone, or reinvent the way
- Saints are the heroes of our Christian faith
- The saints have already shown us the way
  - Saint Paul, everyday working to spread the gospel, ran the full race
  - Saint Bernadette teaches us simplicity and obedience
  - Mother Teresa, serving the poor, the daily mundane fundamentals of love
- Show us how to lead a more satisfying, more spiritual life with our LORD
- Provide examples of how to right wrongs, overcome adversity, and keep seeking GOD
- Show perfection through virtue is possible
- Focus on characteristics, not the man

Like the saints, we are always a work in progress

