

Pat Riley Quotes

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"If you have a positive attitude and constantly strive to give your best effort, eventually you will overcome your immediate problems and find you are ready for greater challenges. A champion needs a motivation above and beyond winning."

- Pat Riley famous quote

Patrick James Riley (born March 20, 1945) is an NBA head coach and the team president of the Miami Heat. Widely regarded as one of the greatest NBA coaches of all time, Riley has served as the head coach of five championship basketball teams and an assistant coach to another. He most recently won the 2006 NBA Championship with the Miami Heat. Prior to his tenure in Miami, he served as head coach for the Los Angeles Lakers and the New York Knicks. He also played for the Los Angeles Lakers' championship team in 1972, which brings his personal total to seven NBA titles. Here are some of the great Pat Riley sports quotes: "A particular shot or way of moving the ball can be a player's personal signature, but efficiency of performance is what wins the game for the team."

"Being a part of success is more important than being personally indispensable."

"Being ready isn't enough; you have to be prepared for a promotion or any other significant change."

"Discipline is not a nasty word."

"Don't let other people tell you what you want."

"Each Warrior wants to leave the mark of his will, his signature, on important acts he touches. This is not the voice of ego but of the human spirit, rising up and declaring that it has something to contribute to the solution of the hardest problems, no matter how vexing!"

"Excellence is the gradual result of always striving to do better."

"Giving yourself permission to lose guarantees a loss."

"Great effort springs naturally from great attitude."

"Look for your choices, pick the best one, then go with it."

"Management must speak with one voice. When it doesn't management itself becomes a peripheral opponent to the team's mission."

"People who create 20% of the results will begin believing they deserve 80% of the rewards."

"Public life is regarded as the crown of a career, and to young men it is the worthiest ambition. Politics is still the greatest and the most honorable adventure."

"The Ten Commandments were not a suggestion."

"There can only be one state of mind as you approach any profound test; total concentration, a spirit of togetherness, and strength."

"There's always the motivation of wanting to win. Everybody has that. But a champion needs, in his attitude, a motivation above and beyond winning."

"There's no such thing as coulda, shoulda, or woulda. If you shoulda and coulda, you woulda done it."

"To have long term success as a coach or in any position of leadership, you have to be obsessed in some way."

"When a great team loses through complacency, it will constantly search for new and more intricate explanations to explain away defeat."

"You can never have enough talent."

"You have no choices about how you lose, but you do have a choice about how you come back and prepare to win again."

"You have to defeat a great players aura more than his game."