
UNSELFISH

“Humility is not thinking less of yourself but rather thinking of yourself less.”

~ **C.S. Lewis**

“Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you.”

~ **Princess Diana**

“If you’re not humble, it’s hard to be coached. If you can’t be coached, it’s hard to get better.”

~ **Jay Wright**

“No act of kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted.”

~ **Aesop**

“Everybody can be great ... because anybody can serve.”

~ **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

“Everyone should find something greater than themselves. You need to find a place to serve others, and then you do it.” That quote came from Tim Tebow in 2016 when he was in Haiti doing missions work. ¹

Tim Tebow is a former Heisman Trophy winning quarterback at the University of Florida. He played quarterback in the NFL and won a playoff game against the Pittsburgh Steelers. Tebow has also played professional baseball and been a television commentator. However, even with all of those labels

and accomplishments, Tebow is committed to giving of himself to others. He is definitely not a spoiled and selfish athlete that oftentimes dominate the news headlines.

Tim Tebow was born August 14, 1987 in Makati, Philippines. His parents were missionaries in the Philippines at that time. Tebow was homeschooled along with his 4 older siblings. His family later moved to Florida, but he returned to the Philippines for three summers to help with his family's missionary and orphanage work. From an early age Tebow learned to be a servant and throughout his life he has kept this servant mindset.

Tebow has always cared for others and served them with all of the money, influence, and resources he has. As he gained more, he viewed it as a blessing for which he was able to serve in a greater capacity instead of something to be personally proud of.

In high school, Tebow found success in football. At Nease High School his team won the state title, he was named the Florida Player of the Year twice, and was named Florida's Mr. Football. His success continued in college during his career at the University of Florida. His team won two NCAA National Championships and he won the Heisman Trophy as a sophomore. He was drafted in the 1st round of the 2010 NFL draft by the Denver Broncos. While the world was focused on Tebow's athletic success, he was focused on helping others. Despite the many championships and awards, Tebow has remained humble and possessing a servant's heart.

Throughout his youth and into high school Tebow frequently visited the Philippines to help

children and spread the Gospel. Even in college Tebow would spend his Spring Breaks at an orphanage in the Philippines. The Tim Tebow Foundation was formed to partner with charities to provide shelter for orphans. Orphans in four countries receive support which covers food, shelter, clothing, medical care, education, and sharing the gospel.

As Tebow's success has grown he has been blessed with more to give; fame and fortune often have the ability to redirect one's focus from their initial good intention, but Tebow has remained true to his convictions and serving as many people as he can. Tebow likes to say, "You want to be great? Be a servant. You want to be great? Humble yourself."

By all worldly standards, Tebow has accomplished a lot and has been very successful. Tebow attributes his greatness to being a servant and to being humble, so while most would easily be caught up in the fame and fortune he is focused on serving orphans in the Philippines. "We have the chance to change peoples' lives and give them hope for the future." Tebow said. ²

Tebow views the opportunities he has been given as a chance to serve, a chance to give others who have not had the same opportunities as him a greater future. On one of Tebow's first mission trips he met a boy named Sherwin whose feet were on backwards. Tebow carried him around showing the boy that he was loved deeply. Tebow opened the Tebow CURE hospital many years later in the Philippines and devoted it to helping children with pediatric orthopedic needs as an inspiration from

this little boy.

Tebow's life and career have proven that we can be tough, strong, competitive, and tenacious while also displaying the proper attitude and perspective on life. Having a servant's heart did not mean Tebow was soft. He was anything but soft. Various experts and news outlets have proclaimed him as one of the greatest college football players of all-time. They have also labeled him as one of the best leaders. He had the ability to rally his teammates toward a common goal. Because he had a servant's heart combined with a deep commitment and work ethic, he was able to be successful and live a life of significance.