

Chris's Corner: What a Great Quote

I came across a wonderful unattributed quote recently and I just love it.

“If you see something wrong and you don't correct it, you have set a new standard.”

Think about it. It could apply to anything, any situation, any relationship; it is like the Swiss Army knife of quotes or philosophies.

As a parent, you can apply it to your relationship with children and more importantly, what standards you intend to establish and maintain. With this gem in mind, you unfortunately or fortunately depending how you look at it, will have to have discipline in yourself as a parent. You have to keep in mind each teaching moment you face can either maintain the standard or lower it, depending if you choose to ignore the situation.

Obviously each situation is different and potentially you may find yourself reevaluating the standard if you find it objectively too strict, unrealistic or irrelevant. However it is a wonderful thought tool when dealing in these child rearing situations.

Obviously, in your business, I would suggest it is one of the most powerful training tools you can impart to your employees. When it comes to business and your reputation, I believe you have to have a standard and the standard should be the standard.

Perhaps this quote is why Mike Tomlin and the entire team from Mr. Rooney down to every player constantly refer to the standard.