

“The Best of All the Coaches...”

“I’d rather watch a winner, than hear one any day.
I’d rather have one walk with me, than merely show
the way.

The eye’s a better pupil and more willing than the
ear.

Fine counsel is confusing, but example’s always clear.
And the best of all the coaches are the ones who live
their deeds.

For to see the truth in action is what everybody
needs.

I can soon learn how to do it, if you’ll let me see it
done.

I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue
too fast may run.

And the lectures you deliver may be very wise and
true.

But, I’d rather get my lessons by observing what you
do.

For I may misunderstand you and the high advice
you give.

But there’s no misunderstanding how you act and
how you live.

I’d rather watch a winner, than hear one any day.”

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