



Mahendra Singh Dhoni

- Indian Cricket captain since 2007
- Led India to win the 2011 World Cup
- Sachin Tendulkar called him the best captain he has played for!
- Saurav Ganguly called him the best India captain ever!
- These are some quotes from an interview with him in 2008 (6 months after he became captain)



Dhoni

I know nothing [about statistics]. If you ask me, "Who is the first player to do this or that?" you won't get anywhere close to a correct answer from me...

Whatever I have learned or experienced is through cricket I've played on the field, and whatever little I have watched.

1 Timothy 4:12

Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.

1 Timothy 4:16

Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.

Spiritual Application #1

Study hard, but practice LIVING as a Christian 100 times harder

Don't glory in knowing lots of verses or knowing more than others.

Study the Bible to be an example.

Dhoni

Being a professional cricketer, playing at the highest level - you have to be at your best. People may provoke you to do something but if you do something, one thing is sure: ...you will get punished

1 Corinthians 6:19

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

Spiritual Application #2

You have the Holy Spirit living inside of You

So treat His dwelling place with deep respect

Dhoni

Anil Kumble [is] a great guy, leads from the front. He's the sort of guy, if he's on the field, he's always there to win a game. Even if the opposition needs 1 run to win and they have 55 balls, if he's bowling, he will look to get the batsman out. He's like: "**Till they win, I'm not losing**"

Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful

Spiritual Application #3

Never give up. Even if the opposition has beaten you the last 50 times, do not give up.

You have not completely lost just because you are losing right now. Keep fighting against sin.

Dhoni

If your dressing-room atmosphere is great then most of the time you'll get a favourable result

Hebrews 10:24

let us consider how to stimulate [KJV: provoke] one another to love and good deeds

Spiritual Application #4

If you treat the times of fellowship to truly grow closer to God and one another, you will get better and better results when out alone in the middle of temptation

Dhoni

If I score a hundred, of course I will enjoy it. But if your team-mates start enjoying your hundred that's when you know you are moving in the right direction

Hebrews 10:25

*not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but **encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.***

Spiritual Application #5

Passionately root for the spiritual success of your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Guard against all kinds of jealousy