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Patrick James "Pat" Riley (born March 20, 1945 in Schenectady, New York, United States) is a National Basketball Association (NBA) coach and player who has coached four championship teams, in addition to playing for one.

Discipline is not a nasty word.

- Riley, Pat

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

- Riley, Pat

Giving yourself permission to lose guarantees a loss.

- Riley, Pat

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

- Riley, Pat

Shouda, coulda, and woulda won't get it done.

- Riley, Pat

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

- Riley, Pat

A champion needs a motivation above and beyond winning.

- Riley, Pat

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.

- Riley, Pat

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

- Riley, Pat

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

- Riley, Pat

Great effort springs naturally from a great attitude.

- Riley, Pat

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.

- Riley, Pat

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

- Riley, Pat

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

- Riley, Pat

Coaches who let a championship team back off from becoming a dynasty are cowards.

- Riley, Pat

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

- Riley, Pat

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

- Riley, Pat

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

- Riley, Pat

When a milestone is conquered, the subtle erosion called entitlement begins its consuming grind. The team regards its greatness as a trait and a right. Half hearted effort becomes habit and saps a champion.

- Riley, Pat

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.

- Riley, Pat

When a gifted team dedicates itself to unselfish trust and combines instinct with boldness and effort, its ready to climb.

- Riley, Pat

The Ten Commandments were not a suggestion.

- Riley, Pat

From nobody to upstart. From upstart to contender. From contender to winner. From winner to champion. From champion to Dynasty.

- Riley, Pat

You prove your worth with your actions, not with your mouth.

- Riley, Pat

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

- Riley, Pat

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

- Riley, Pat

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

- Riley, Pat



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