Hello Folks
Had this devotional today and it really hit home with me and I hope it will with you as well. Especially as we deal with student athletes on a daily basis trying to get them to achieve to the best of their ability. This was from Dr. Tony Evans, a preacher out of Dallas. – David Moss

Raise the Standard – Tony Evans

My son Jonathan came to me one day and asked me to accompany him to the gym. He told me that he wanted to show me something. He was about eleven years old and barely five feet tall. He wanted to show me that he could dunk! I had to see this. I took him over the gym and he bounced the ball, approached the goal, and cupped the ball under his hand in preparation.

My eleven-year-old son, barely five feet tall, went up and dunked the basketball. It was an amazing sight...until I realized how he did it. Before we went over to the gym, he asked the maintenance man to lower the goal. The standard has been lowered.

So I had the guy raise the standard back to its correct height.

I explained to my son that the goal should not be lowered so that he could meet it, but that he should continue to work hard to raise the standard. Sometimes, we lower that standard and then get all excited because we meet it and think we’ve done something. Yet, God is after us meeting His standard. He wants us to rise up from wherever we are and raise our lives and choices to His level of excellence.