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How You Think Is Everything

Philippians 4:13

(New King James Version)

¹³ I can do <u>all</u> things through Christ^[a] who strengthens me. [Emphasis added]

The Man Who Thinks He Can

If you think you are beaten, you are; If you think you dare not, you don't. If you'd like to win, but think you can't it's almost a cinch you won't. If you think you'll lose, you've lost.

For out in the world we find success begins with one's will: It's all in your state of mind. If you think you're outclassed, you are: You've got to think high to rise, You've got to be sure of yourself before you'll ever win that prize.

Life's battles don't always go to the stronger or faster man, But sooner or later the man who wins Is the one who thinks he can.

- Napoleon Hill (circa 1973)

What Do You Really Believe, and How Far Will You Go to Defend Your Beliefs

In my [by-gone] era, High School started in 10th grade, rather than in 9th grade as it does today. It seemed that by that time in our lives, many people had their minds made up as to what they could and could not accomplish in their lives. Any activity or any person not fitting into the "mold" was chastised. Precious few of us ever dared to challenge those beliefs, but for those of us who did, the rewards were immeasurable.

A Personal Reflection

"You'll never make the [school] team, you're too small." Less than 30 days later, the player, a 10th grader, made varsity. "You'll never get the job with the House of Representatives, you're not a top scholar". 30 days later, guess what happened. "You'll never get into Law School, people with better college GPA's are being rejected. Another victory, the young man was accepted; turns out the GPA was not the only determining factor. "Do you really think you'll get the internship at the major law firm, after all, you're not in the top tier of your graduating class". Yet another victory ensued because the young man pressed-on in spite of the perceived odds against him.

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Life Is Too Short Not To Press On

What God has for you is for you, no matter what people may think or say; no matter what even you may think. If you do not "brave-up" and pursue your dreams, however, you will not win this race, no matter how talented you may be, or what your potential. Either you believe you will win or you do not believe it; there are no maybes. And, to the surprise of many, talent isn't even half the determining factor. Faith is the determining factor. Courage runs a close second. If you believe you will win, you will win, and you will win every time, no matter the obstacle(s), no matter the odds against you. The first step of faith is always the most challenging. Take one to five steps per day toward your true life goals, making no excuses, and you will find yourself on a collision course with your ordained success, just as was intended for you. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise.

Food for Thought

Suppose you are at the precipice of an Ephesians 3:20 season. Suppose you are destined to be immensely more successful than you could even imagine, but were not required to train for it, how would you handle your success, and how long could you sustain it? What if your true life goals were planted deeply within your spirit by almighty God, the great and eternal life-coach. Would He not also provide the training and challenges you would need in order to carry out your assignment in the most effective ways possible for kingdom building and eternal service? Does the military put soldiers on the battlefield without any training?

An Excerpt from "Don't You Quit"

Life is queer with its twists and turns, as every one of us sometimes learns, and many a [failure] turns about when he might have won had he stuck it out. Don't give up though the pace seems slow - You may succeed with another blow.

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Success is failure turned inside out – The silver tint in the clouds of doubt, and you never can tell how close you are, It might be near when it seems afar; So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit - It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

See you at the top!

Jack Johnson

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