

Positively Speaking

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Impossible, Difficult, Done

Ideas are a dime a dozen. Millions of people have good ideas, but never get around to doing anything with them. What a tragedy to see so many unrealized hopes and dreams.

Why do we put off the important tasks of life? Why do we allow ourselves to settle into the plateau of mediocrity?

Here are a few possible explanations for this phenomenon:

- 1) We tend to value comfort more than accomplishment. When forced to make a choice between the two, most people follow the path of least resistance.
- 2) Fear of failure can keep us from starting. Of course, the greatest failure is not trying. I'd rather attempt something great, and fail -- than to attempt nothing and succeed.
- 3) Poor time management keeps us from fulfilling our dreams. If we don't schedule the important things into our lives, they won't get done. Poor planning leads to hectic living - with little to show for it.
- 4) Our actions reveal our true priorities. We live what we really believe - regardless of what we say. Rethinking priorities helps to turn the vision into a reality.
- 5) Often, a huge goal seems impossible to attain. We stand, immobilized, as we stare at it. However, a mighty mountain can be moved one shovel at a time. What small steps can you take today which will set you in the direction of the dream?
- 6) Critics and small thinkers can derail the best ideas. Always welcome wise counsel, but refuse to allow petty people to sidetrack you from your mission.
- 7) Believe it can be done - and it will! (Believe it CAN'T be done - and it won't!)
- 8) You say you don't have the time? Yes you do! "I don't have time" is just an excuse. You have 24 hours in a day just like everybody else. Use 'em or lose 'em.

Hudson Taylor said there are three stages in any worthwhile project -

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