

Winner's Way

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TAKE TIME TO DREAM!

In our last Winner's Way notes we were looking at the question, "*What will life be like 10 years from now?*" We started to look at the importance of taking time to dream. We also covered in that mailout "**Readtime**", "**The Importance of Reading and Studying**". We looked at "**Discipline – Delayed Gratification**", "**Perception**" and "**Success – The Willingness to Bear Pain**".

Today, let us look at "Hope". My Dad's favourite saying was, "*always while there is life there is hope*". I believe in a better day for you. I believe that your best is yet to come. You may be going through a fight right now but struggle is the evidence that you are not defeated, so **don't quit!** Get up, you can win! **I DARE YOU** to believe in the better day. **I DARE YOU** to believe that better is the end of a thing than it's beginning. The great military leader Napoleon said, "**All great leaders must be dealers in hope.**" **I DARE YOU** to deal in the currency of hope. Keep an abundance of it in your heart and in your mind. Keep an abundance of it with you wherever you go and always be willing to give it freely to all you come in contact with. Abraham, the great patriarch of old was fully persuaded that what God had promised He was able also to perform. The Word shows us Abraham's example. The Word says that Abraham **against hope believed in hope**. I love that! Abraham believed God against all favourable and confident expectation in the natural. Abraham believed in hope (confident and favourable expectation). Abraham fully expected that God would do what He said He would do and that God was able to fulfil the promise He had made. The Bible tells us in Galatians 3:29, "*That if you be Christ then are you Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise*". You can win, you can do it, I know you can! You might be knocked down but you are not knocked out. Get up my friend and finish the bout.

Persistence

Persistence is the attitude that carries you past the winning post. Napoleon Hill in his study of 500 of the world's wealthiest people (book – "*Think and Grow Rich*") said that persistence was the common outstanding quality in all their lives. So, Winston Churchill said, "*If you are going through hell, don't quit keep going.*" **Don't quit, don't quit, don't quit!!** Persistence pays great dividends.

History

Learn by past mistakes, but don't live there. **Forget** what lies behind and go for what lies before you. Go for your destiny in God. Don't let the emotions of yesterday wear you out today, but by the same token don't repeat past mistakes. Use hindsight well.

Hindsight is to be a benefit to you, not a pity party. Rather **I DARE YOU** to throw a joy party, expecting your best is yet to come. It's before you, not behind you.

Time

Respect time, utilize it well. Remember time waits for no man. Make the most of the minutes and the hours and days will take care of themselves. The Bible says in the book of Ephesians, "*to redeem the time because the days are evil*". We need to buy back time. That's what the Word "redeem" means. We can do this by as I have stated already making the most of the minutes and the hours. Find that time to make that phone call. Find that time to write that memo. Find that time to do that small job in those moments when you are waiting for someone to arrive for an appointment, the kettle to boil, the concrete to set or whatever it is you are doing at the time that gives you spare moments. You get the picture, make the most of those moments. Also, don't just work for money but I DARE YOU to make your money work for you. Put your money to multiplying. It may be through bank interest, government bonds, a sensible investment (Not a scam! Do your due diligence, get financial advice.), the share market, fixed deposit, property investment, superannuation or whatever other financial instrument God leads you to. ***Remember, there is a time given to every season under Heaven. There is a time and a season for every purpose under Heaven.***

God bless you,

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