

WALLS OF OPPORTUNITIES

Principles of Life Masteries

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Principle #1: Walls of Opportunities

When a wall of challenge hits us in any area of our life, what do we do? When a door in life shuts in our face, what do we do? When we feel all is lost and there is no hope in life, what do we do? We go around the wall to the right, to the left, over, under, or if all else fails, we work with others to blow up the wall.

In every area of our life we will have challenges (others may refer to these as problems) that occur on a daily basis. By embracing the challenges we are empowered to take these challenges and become stronger individuals by growing in ways we never thought possible.

Others may see the wall and become frustrated. We see the wall and think, "What a great opportunity to grow."

Others may say there is an easier road to take. We say, "The real reward will be to get past this challenge and see the big reward on the other side." Others will see a problem and will lose valuable time, energy, and focus by worrying about the "problem." We will immediately see the opportunity to grow and seek ways to meet this new challenge.

Others will feel this is "too hard" or it's just "not worth it." We understand, grow and become stronger, better individuals by accepting that this new challenge is necessary for us

to reach our full potential.

Others will see this as just another indication that the idea will not work, or it was never a good idea, or it is too hard, or no one else has ever done this before, therefore it is impossible. We will see this as a way to augment our strategies. We will develop the confidence in ourselves and those on our team as we meet our challenges head on, create plans, build stronger teams, and make a difference in the lives of others.

Others will say that there is an easier road to success. They will settle for less. They will deceive themselves into thinking that Life Masteries is easy, rather than understanding that Life Masteries is a series of daily successes and small but important triumphs we all can experience on a daily basis. This builds our character so we can dream big dreams and find true Life Masteries.

We understand that this attitude will help us to accomplish great things in our life as well as the lives of those around us. When we get tired, run out of energy, and do not feel we can continue any longer on a given task, we can remember that there is someone out there today that will need us tomorrow. The contributions you make even in your struggles are significant contributions to the people with whom you work and live. If you are unable to keep pursuing your dreams for yourself, keep working on the walls for someone else. After that wall of opportunity becomes a door, re-

member that someone in the future will thank you. You will make a difference in someone's life and possibly for all of eternity.

Principle #2: No Problems—Only Opportunities

Every day, every one of us has events that come into our lives. Many of these events will seem like problems initially and most individuals will worry about these "problems." These events change their focus, causing them to make choices from a different perspective, which will result in losing their perspective. Those who want Life Masteries in every area of their life, will apply the following:

We have no problems in our life, we only have opportunities! When a challenge comes into any area of our life, our first response is that this is a great opportunity that is necessary to attain Life Masteries. Some challenges are easier to find than others, but in all challenges we are determined to find the opportunity. This is such a powerful principle that it will change every area of your life if applied daily to every situation. Most individuals "shut down" because they think of things as problems and worry. Their minds, creativity, energy, and enthusiasm shut down. Those that understand Life Masteries take the opposite approach to living.

If you are hiking in the forest with your family and you run into a very hungry bear, should you panic? Should you freeze from fear? Should you worry? NO! You need to think very clearly and take immediate action! When you have a challenge, think clearly and take action. There are many stories of individuals who have had events occur, which most people would consider tragic, but they have taken these things and turned them into life changing events. YOU TOO CAN DO THAT! It takes some practice; it will not be easy initially, but if you persist and work as a team, you will see your whole life change as a result of this new attitude!

Principle #3: Ideal or Nothing

So many times in life we begin with the best of intentions, but for some reason, they are not realized. In many situations we could get

started, but we wait, and end up either doing nothing or implementing our plans too late. Because we wait for the perfect conditions, the best results, we miss an unseen window of opportunity that may have revolutionized our business.

We set out to do the best and often end up doing nothing. Implement Those Great Ideas Today!

- You can always start with something less than what you believe is best and then make it better.
- Do not procrastinate, but rather eliminate excuses.
- Do not be a perfectionist and wait for more information or details to avoid mistakes; everything will be all right.
- Do not worry if everyone will be happy. Probably, they will not. Because we are a team, we will work it out for the benefit of everyone.
- Do not worry about everything being fun. As a team, everyone will have fun; success only comes when your ideas are implemented. *A word of caution:* Do not let new ideas push out the great ideas already at work.
- Do not worry about losing control. Sometimes when things seem out of control, there is a quantum leap just waiting to occur. By implementing ideas quickly, you will complete them faster and more efficiently. Long-term control will be maintained. *A word of caution:* Do not let the objective be more important than the people involved. ■