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A small number of people who know what they believe and why they believe it and who know what they do not believe and why they do not believe it can bring about a reformation in our day. We need a full-orbed Biblical Christian education as a prerequisite for reformation.

Glenn R. Martin (1935-2004)

... the best Christian leadership cannot simply be appointed. It is forged by God himself in the fires of suffering, taught in the school of tears. There are no shortcuts.

D. A. Carson, *How Long, O Lord? Reflections on Suffering and Evil*, p. 81

... reach out for your dream. Success has many measures, living your dream is a success—no matter the results.

Jay Roberts, letter dated 4 April 2008

The best way to make your dreams come true is to wake up.

Paul Valery

Leaders are interested in finding the best way rather than having their own way. “Because I said so” is a poor explanation for doing something. It’s no reason. Stubbornness, an insistence on having your own way, narrowmindedness, a refusal to listen, an inability to see both sides—all are antithetical to leadership. If you cling to these traits, you and whatever team you wish to lead will not progress.

John R. Wooden

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher gave the best definition of “consensus”: Lack of leadership.

Thomas Sowell, *Random Thoughts* (www.jewishworldreview.com), 30 November 2005

The first calling of the people of God is fidelity to that God, not popularity, relevance, success, or, worst of all, trendiness.

P. Andrew Sandlin

From a dear friend: “As you climb the ladder of success, check occasionally to make sure it is leaning against the right wall.” Source: Unknown.

James Nickel

[Too many] great men waste time on bad causes.

John Mark Peterson

There is only one form of leadership and that is being led by God.

Dr. Glenn R. Martin, Indiana Wesleyan University (1935-2004)

Leadership at the Point of a Bayonet, Ten Principles of Success - Major Dick Winters, Easy Company, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (World War II)

1. Strive to be a leader of character, competence, and courage.
2. Lead from the front. Say, “Follow Me!” and then lead the way.
3. Stay in top physical shape - physical stamina is the root of mental toughness.
4. Develop your team. If you know your people, are fair in setting realistic goals and expectations, and lead by example, you will develop teamwork.
5. Delegate responsibility to your subordinates and let them do their jobs. You can’t do a good job if you don’t have a chance to use your imagination or your creativity.
6. Anticipate problems and prepare to overcome obstacles. Don’t wait until you get to the top of the ridge and then make up your mind.
7. Remain humble. Don’t worry about who receives the credit. Never let power or authority go to your head.
8. Take a moment of self-reflection. Look at yourself in the mirror every night and ask yourself if you

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did your best.

9. True satisfaction comes from getting the job done. The key to a successful leader is to earn respect - not because of rank or position, but because you are a leader of character.

10. Hang Tough! - Never, ever, give up.

Taken from *Beyond Band of Brothers: The War Memoirs of Major Dick Winters* (The Berkeley Publishing Group, 2006)

Success is the fine art of making mistakes when nobody is looking.

Anonymous

The measure of success is not whether you have a tough problem to deal with, but whether it is the same problem you had last year.

John Foster Dulles

Success formula: Think of a product that costs 10 cents, sells for one dollar, and is habit forming.

Anonymous

Only in dictionaries does success come before work.

Anonymous

To succeed in the world you must assert yourself; to succeed in God's sight you must deny yourself.

Anonymous

I would rather fail in a cause that would someday succeed than to succeed in a cause that would someday fail.

President Woodrow Wilson

People aren't worth listening to until they're at least thirty. They're not worth reading until they're at least forty. And they don't know what their purpose in life is until they're at least fifty. If you know what you're about by the time you reach your mid-fifties, you'll be way ahead of the pack.

Steve and Janie Sjogren, *101 Ways to Reinvest Your Life*, p. 14

If at first you do not succeed, you are running about average.

Anonymous

If success turns your head, you are facing in the wrong direction.

Anonymous

You are on the road to success when you realize that failure is only a detour.

William Lyons, Jr.

Success is to be measured not so much by the position one has reached in life, as by the obstacles one has overcome by trying to succeed.

Booker T. Washington

The successful experiences most of us would like to have in life are rarely an accident. They are almost always an achievement, the result of careful planning and thorough preparation.

Stephen R. Covey

Don't aim at success - the more you aim at it and make it a target, the more you are going to miss it. For success, like happiness, cannot be pursued; it must ensue, and it only does so as the unintended side-effect of one's personal dedication to a cause greater than oneself or as the by-product of one's surrender to a person other than oneself.

Viktor E. Frankl, *Man's Search for Meaning*, p. 12

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When you chop your own wood, it warms you twice.

Anonymous

The procrastinating man is forever struggling with ruin.

Hesiod

It is never too late to start doing what is right.

Charles Swindoll

Everything has its place and there is a place for everything.

Anonymous

He who would do some great things in this short life must apply himself to work with such a concentration of force as, to idle spectators who live only to amuse themselves, looks like insanity.

Francis Parkman

I do not know of any success worth having except the ability to do a job in which one is interested and to obtain a living sufficient to enable one to go on doing one's work.

Dorothy Sayers