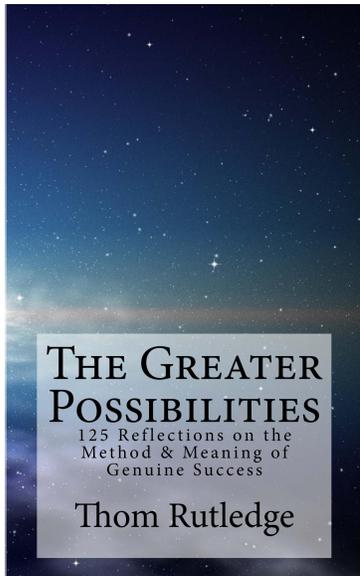


EXCERPTS FROM THE GREATER POSSIBILITIES

- from THE INTRODUCTION



There are probably as many definitions for success as there are people who want to succeed. And the targets for our efforts are many. We want to succeed in business. We want to be successful husbands and wives and parents. We want to whittle that golf score down to size. We want to be successful students, whether we are nineteen trying to decide on a major, or 45 trying to master that new computer program, or reaching for that promotion.

More of us than ever are aware of the importance of feeling a sense of purpose in the work we do. We want to succeed spiritually --- that is, we want to effectively apply what we believe deep in our hearts to our day-to-day lives. Along with material success, we want to experience the power of genuine fulfillment.

The potential for this success belongs to every one of us. The power we seek is not power over other people, or even power over life's circumstances. The power of true success is revealed when we can learn (with lots of practice) to see past the barrage of daily distractions, setting illusion aside in favor of the real magic that emerges from deep within us when we become willing to do whatever it takes to succeed from the inside out. Only then will we discover the greater possibilities. *-Thom Rutledge*

FORGET ABOUT CONTROL

One of the keys to success is accepting full responsibility for yourself. Accepting this responsibility, contrary to popular belief, has nothing to do with being "in control." There is a major distinction to be made between *being in control* and accepting the responsibility of *being in charge*.

Simply put: You have nothing to say about the cards dealt you, but everything to say about how you will play those cards.

Be in charge, but forget about being in control.

RENOUNCE VICTIMIZATION

Victimization is a state of mind in which you believe that how you are doing in any particular moment is determined more by the circumstances beyond your control than by how you choose to respond to those circumstances.

To accept full responsibility for yourself is to renounce victimization.

BLAME & RESPONSIBILITY

A victim will blame the dealer of the cards, or blame the person who taught him how to play cards, or maybe even the cards themselves. A victim may even take refuge in blaming himself, not understanding that there is an important difference between *assigning blame* and *taking responsibility*.

REJECT SELF-BLAME

To admit that things are not going well in your life because you are a worthless piece of crap is not accepting responsibility. It is quite the opposite. Hiding behind self-blame and drowning in the resulting shame is one of the most efficient --- not to mention prevalent --- ways to avoid personal responsibility.

Being a victim is an indulgence you cannot afford.

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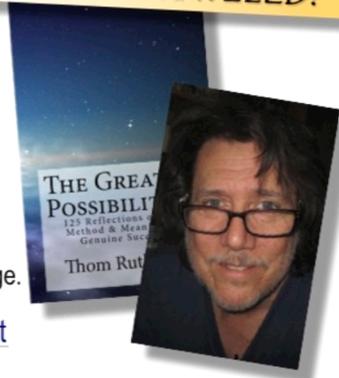
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