

Timeless Transformations

Daily Inspirations – March 2018

(Daily Inspiration) We aren't leaders if we don't have influence because influence is how leaders lead. Most work is accomplished by way of influence not authority. We can be given the position of leadership but we must earn the position to lead. We may get people to follow us today but influential power is to get people to follow us tomorrow. When you are given the opportunity to lead, make the most of that opportunity today.

(Daily Inspiration) Never set higher standards for others than we set for ourselves. If others around us have to raise our bar of excellence, we are in trouble. We must raise our own bar. We must expect more out of ourselves than we expect out of anyone else. When we deliver or do anything, our expectation must be over the top. Set your own standards so high today that when everyone else is pleased, you know you could have done better.

(Daily Inspiration) When we see someone that needs to be pushed by someone else, it's an indicator that they don't have what it takes to be a great leader. Being a leader is an inward choice. It's great to have people that motivate us but sustainable, intrinsic motivation is an inside job. We must motivate ourselves. We set our own standards high. No one has to push us. Make it your choice to motivate yourself today.

(Daily Inspiration) Connecting with others is more important than climbing the leadership ladder. What is the difference between climbers and connectors? Climbers think vertical. Connectors think horizontal. Climbers focus on position. Connectors focus on relationships. Climbers value competition. Connectors value cooperation. Climbers seek power. Connectors seek partnerships. Climbers build their image and connectors build consensus. Delicately balance climbing with connecting today.

(Daily Inspiration) What sets leaders apart from the rest is the tough decisions: 95% of the decisions are easy. It's the other 5% that are hard. Every difficult call involves risk and creates an internal battle. We know it's a tough decision when we feel the energy being sucked out of our body. We know there will be consequences and fall-out. Be at your best when a tough call has to be made today.

(Daily Inspiration) Time is our most precious resource but time without energy is useless. Time is fixed but energy fluctuates. Unless we balance how to get the most out of our energy it doesn't matter how much time we have. We are responsible for the energy we create for ourselves and the energy we bring to others. Minimize the energy drainers you encounter and maximize your energy tank today.

(Daily Inspiration) The secret to doing more is leadership multiplication. That happens when leaders effectively delegate. When we delegate tasks we create followers. When we delegate authority we create leaders. By delegating authority we multiply ourselves. Delegation frees us to do the important work that only we can do. Release the fear of losing your place in the organization and the desire to be needed by releasing control whenever possible today.

(Daily Inspiration) As leaders we are in the spotlight. Others watch us and observe our behavior whether we know it or not. It only takes a second to lose trust. Once that's lost little else matters. The quickest way to lose trust is: acting inconsistently in what they say and do, seeking personal gain above shared gain, withholding information, not being open-minded, and living or telling half-truths. Earn your leadership trust with unquestionable integrity today.

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(Daily Inspiration) When things aren't going so well or as planned, don't underestimate the power of changing your perspective by switching up your immediate surroundings. Go for a brisk walk. Sit outside and feel the sunshine or wind on your face. Read an inspirational message. Call someone you trust. Remove yourself from the situation then return. Stay in balance and work through any obstacle that may come your way today.

(Daily Inspiration) Great leaders lead themselves first. Nothing proves this anymore than what we do from day to day. It comes by demonstrating consistent flexibility, resiliency, personal accountability, self-control and priority management. Leaders inspire action. Make things happen for yourself and those that follow you today.

(Daily Inspiration) Nothing distinguishes a successful person more than one that knows the effective use of time. Time management is an oxymoron. Time goes on whether we manage it or not. We can't manage time. We all have it. Don't manage your time, manage your life today.

(Daily Inspiration) If we are impressed with what we did last year we aren't growing. The only way to keep leading is to keep growing. The only true leadership asset we have to give to those that follow us is added value. The only way to add value is to continually replenish our own well so there is something to draw out of for the people we need to add value to. Learning and leading are inseparable. Invest in yourself so you can lead others today.

(Daily Inspiration) Everyone we see is a mirror of ourselves. Others are just reflecting parts of ourselves back to us. Everything we admire in someone else is us. Everything we despise in another is also us. Our reality is just a reflection of our inner thoughts. Life mirrors who we are. Life mirrors others who they are. Don't look at your life through someone else's mirror today.

(Daily Inspiration) If we want to validate our leadership, look at our followers. Are people following us? There is no sense to be the leader if we can't get anyone to follow. Influential leaders are moving toward their vision and goals and they can persuade other people to go with them. This is what separates impactful leaders from the aspirants. Look behind you and make sure people are following you today.

(Daily Inspiration) Here is a key question about time management. The question is not if our calendar is full. The question is who fills our calendar? When other people fill our calendar it's filled with their agenda and priorities. If we fill our calendar, it's filled with our goals and things we want to accomplish. The person that fills our calendar is the one that determines our time, agenda, and where we go. Take charge of know who and what took your time and attention today.

(Daily Inspiration) Our expectation of any relationship is to see the person as they actually are, not who we wish they would be. It takes too much energy to try and change them. When we let the idea of thinking we can change another person and just work on being the best we can be, we become free of worry. Focus on changing yourself and the way you relate to others which will lead to changing your relationships today.

(Daily Inspiration) When we challenge ourselves and achieve big goals we don't have to publicize it to anyone. Our personal growth occurs internally. The improvement reveals itself externally. Our results speak for us without ever having to say a word. We don't challenge ourselves to the goal to impress anyone. Only be focused on impressing yourself today.

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(Daily Inspiration) Having a low profile job is easy. You are invisible. If you make a mistake, you are the only one that knows. But when you are successful and in a high profile job, you are in the spotlight. Everyone is waiting for you to fail and if you do, it won't be kept a secret. That is why being successful is often a short-lived experience. Not many stay at the top for very long. Be humble and focused on serving others with your best today. It's the only thing that will endure over time.

(Daily Inspiration) Before we can cast a vision of where we want to go we must assess where we are. Reality is where we start. We can adjust our plans as long as we know where we stand. The situation will normally take longer than we plan for and be more difficult than we think. Set your sights high but pay close attention to reality and keep a close eye on every situation today.