

Motivational Minute

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up." - Thomas Edison

Have you ever felt like giving up on a dream or goal? Persistence is the ability to maintain action regardless of your feelings. You press on even when you feel like quitting. There are dreams and goals worth pursuing and there are some that you need to scrap and start anew. Is your plan still correct? If not, update the plan. Is your goal still correct? If not, update or abandon your goal. There's no honor in clinging to a goal that no longer inspires you. Persistence is not stubbornness. The value of persistence comes not from stubbornly clinging to the past. It comes from a vision of the future that's so compelling you would give almost anything to make it real.

There is a story of a young man, from Illinois, with only six months of schooling to his credit ran for an office in the legislature. As might have been expected he was beaten. Next he entered business but failed in that too, and spent the next seventeen years paying the debts of his worthless partner. He fell in love with a charming lady and became engaged -and she died. He had a nervous breakdown. He ran for congress and was defeated. He then tried to obtain an appointment to the U.S. land office, but didn't succeed. He became a candidate for the Vice-Presidency and lost. Two years later he was defeated for Senator. He ran for office once more and was elected. That man was Abraham Lincoln.

It took Winston Churchill three years to get through the eight grade, because he couldn't pass English -of all things! Ironically, he was asked many years later to give the commencement address at Oxford University. His now famous speech consisted of only three words: "Never give up!"

"Success seems to be largely a matter of hanging on after others have let go." - William Feather

"We also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope." Romans 5:3-4
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