

A Secret to Success

A successful businessman once was asked for the secret of success by a student who interviewed him as part of his senior thesis. Thoughtfully, the businessman pondered the question. His reply summed up success in three words: *“and then some.”* “You see,” he said, “I learned early in life that the difference between average people and the truly successful could be stated in those three words. Top people did what was expected, *and then some!*”

The truly successful were thoughtful of others; they were considerate and kind, *and then some.* They met their obligation and responsibilities fairly and squarely, *and then some.* They were good friends and helpful neighbors, *and then some.* They could be counted on in an emergency, *and then some.*

Jesus taught the “and then some,” principle in the Sermon on the Mount. He tells us to go beyond what is expected. Go a little bit farther! Let the words, *“and then some,”* serve as a tonic for your spirit. Practice your faith faithfully, *and then some.* Give generously of your time and resources, *and then some.* Greet those you meet with a smile, *and then some.* Be dependable, be a good friend, *and then some.* Do your best in all things and at all times, *and then some.* Winston Churchill said, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” William Penn said, “I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again.”

Be among the truly successful who go the extra mile, who make the world more livable and demonstrate true caring for the people around them, *and then some.*

Successful people spend less time on themselves and more time helping others meet their needs.

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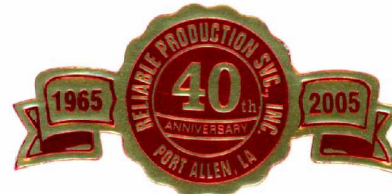


Americans Fear Gas Shortages

NEW YORK (CNNMoney.com) As much as Americans fret over the rising price of gas, one thing worries them more: the possibility of having to wait in long lines to buy rationed gas. A CNN/Opinion Research Poll shows that 55% of those surveyed are more worried about long lines at gas stations and rationing than about the high prices that drivers have paid in recent months. The poll does show that 40% of the respondents are concerned about the high prices. While gas rationing is not expected at this time, it was a hallmark of the 1970s era energy crisis, when drivers lined up outside gas stations and sales of gas were limited to certain days of the week. However, at that time, gas was in short supply, which is not the case today. The poll shows that 83% of respondents think \$4.00 a gallon for gas is a major problem or a crisis. The poll suggests that they are heavily dependent on easily accessible gas, but given the choice, people are willing to pay more to avoid inconveniences.

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July Anniversaries

Jimmy Truett 22 yrs. 7/1 **RPS**
Bob Meredith III 4 yrs. 7/1 **LRI**
Louis Powell 3 yrs. 7/13 **RPS**



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Something To Think About

Stress is like a violin string. If there's no tension, there's no music. But if the string is too tight, it breaks. You want to find the right level of tension for you – the level that makes harmony in your life.

July Birthdays

Louis James 7/2 **LRI**
Brian Meche 7/4 **RPS**
James Granier 7/5 **RAC**
Gabriel Seal 7/8 **RPS**
Jamie "T-Boo" Boudreaux 7/9 **RPS**
Andre Dixon 7/13 **RPS**
Gregory Fontenot 7/17 **RPS**
Chris David 7/19 **RPS**
Wayne Robin 7/22 **RPS**
Paul Bergeron 7/23 **LRI**
Allen "Dog" Turner 7/28 **RAC**
Joseph "Fatty" Mallet 7/28 **RPS**
Richie David 7/31 **RPS**

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LIGHTNING SAFETY



A single stroke of lightning has 125,000 volts of electricity. That's enough power to light a 100 watt light bulb for more than three months, or enough to seriously hurt or kill someone.

In the United States an average of 62 people are killed each year by lightning. In 2007, 45 people died and hundreds more were injured.

Victims Who Are Being Killed

- *98% were outside
- *89% were male
- *30% were male between the ages of 20-25
- *25% were standing under a tree
- *25% occurred on or near water

When You See Lightning Follow These Safety Rules

- Stay or go indoors!** If you hear thunder, don't go outside unless absolutely necessary.
- Stay away from anything that could conduct electricity.** This includes fireplaces, stoves, metal pipes, sinks and phones.
- Don't use any plug-in electrical appliances.** If lightning strikes your home, it could travel through the appliance to charge you.
- Stay in your automobile if you are traveling.** Automobiles give you excellent lightning protection.
- If you're outdoors, seek indoor shelter from lightning.** Never take shelter under a tree! Tall trees attract lightning. If you are caught in the open, your best protection is to crouch down, keeping twice as far away from the trees as the trees are tall.
- Get out of the water!** Never swim during a storm. If you are out on the water and skies are threatening, get back to land and find a safe building or vehicle.

There are 100,000 thunderstorms in the U.S. each year, with over twenty million lightning strikes from them. Your chances of being hit by lightning are 1 in 600,000.

Take It To The Next Stage



During the month of May, either at a graduation ceremony or the party that followed, we've heard the new graduate exclaim, "I've made it!" Maybe you've even heard a chorus of graduates singing, "We've made it!"

As parents, we realize, and we hope you do as well, that you are now on the way "to making it" in life.

As parents of seniors, we see our child growing closer to becoming an adult. We are excited about your present success, and we share the same anxiety about what the future holds. Over time, we'll learn to 'let go and let God' take control of your future. Because we live life through hindsight, we know that your travels will be full of challenges, sorrows, victories, and a host of hurdles to jump. Through it all, we'll try our best not to meddle in your affairs, but we'll stay close by in case you need a hand up.

Things will not always go your way. When times get tough, remember this quote from Allyson Jones... "If I could wish for my life to be perfect, it would be tempting but I would have to decline, for life would no longer teach me anything." Good and bad times serve to mold us into the person we become.

Whether you are a graduating senior, a senior citizen, or nestled in between, life is out there for the taking. Figure out what makes you happy, and make a living doing that. Vincent Van Gogh gives us a perspective to think about. He says, "Your profession is not what brings home your paycheck. Your profession is what you were put on earth to do...with such passion and intensity that it becomes spiritual in calling." If you can't see yourself growing, if what you do doesn't give meaning to your life, you have not yet discovered your place. You are still on your way to making it.

If you are at that proverbial crossroads in your life and you don't know which way to go, take comfort and direction from the words of Barbara Winters... "When you come to the edge of all the light you know and you are about to step off into the unknown, faith is knowing one of two things will happen: There will be something solid to stand on or you will be taught to fly."