



PERSISTENCE AND PERSEVERANCE

No matter how talented or capable you are, a time always comes in life where you feel hopeless and think that you are good for nothing. But wait....

Maybe you were born to do something different and make a different kind of impact to your life as well as the life of others.

Let me tell you this true story....

Once there was a man who dropped out of university. Later on, he got married

and worked as a teacher in a primary school. The man was shy and had difficulty asserting himself. And due to his relative lack of experience, he was troubled and harassed by tougher students.

In less than a week, after not being able to discipline the students, the man decided to quit and returned home quite dejected. His wife wiped his tears comforting him with the words:

‘You should not be too sad about it. Probably there is a more suitable job waiting for you out there.’

The man gaining some strength from his wife’s words tried to search for another job and managed to find one. But this time, he was fired because his employer thought he was too slow to keep pace with his other colleagues.

Shattered, he came back and told his wife that he was good for nothing. In school, he was harassed by students. In this job, his other colleagues seemed to be more competent than him.

This time, his wife commented: ‘There are always people who are skilful and non-skilful. Some have experience from their years of work. As for you, you were in school all this while. So, how could you acquire these needed skills?’

Re-assured, the man kept applying for numerous openings but could never stay for long in any job. Each time, he returned dejected, his wife would comfort him and never told him that she was disappointed or resentful.

The man was in his thirties when he acquired a flair in languages. He became a counsellor in a school for the deaf and mute. Later on, he opened a school for the disabled. A few years later, he set up chain stores in different cities and provinces selling apparatus & equipment for the disabled. Soon he became a multi-millionaire in a sector which no one knew that it existed.

One day he asked his wife. ‘When everything was looking bleak, how did you have so much faith in me?’

His wife gave him a very simple reply.

She said, ‘When a piece of land is not suitable for planting wheat, we could try planting beans. If the beans are not growing well, we could try planting fruits or gourds. If the vegetation is not economical, we can instead scatter buckwheat seeds. These seeds will one day bloom into flowers. On this land itself, there will be one seed that will germinate and grow.’

After having listened to the wife’s explanation, he couldn’t control his tears. His wife’s faith, love, patience, and persistence in him is likened to the one seed in the land. This is the seed that persists and creates the miracle on this piece of land.

“In this world, there’s no one person who is useless. It is just that they have not positioned themselves firmly in the right place.”

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Permanence, perseverance and persistence in spite of all obstacles and impossibilities ; it is this, that in all things distinguishes the strong soul from the weak. Thomas Carlyle

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A river cuts through a rock not because of its power but its persistence.

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Ambition is the path to success ; persistence is the vehicle you arrive in.

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We can do anything we want as long as we stick to it long enough. Helen Keller

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Patience, persistence and perspiration make an unbeatable combination for success. Napoleon Hill

You are only as strong as you allow yourself to be ; never get discouraged, never give up because consistency and dedication are the keys to success.

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Uncommon achievers are different. In a doubting world they believe, in a slow world they run, in a weeping world they laugh, in a quitting world they persevere. Author unknown

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The man who doesn’t give up can move mountains.

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No matter what happens, no matter how far you seem to be away from where you want to be, never stop believing that you will somehow make it. Have an unrelenting belief that things will work out, that the long road has purpose, that the things which you desire may not happen today but that they will happen.

CONTINUE TO PERSIST AND PERSEVERE !

