

The Choice

by Og Mandino (1984)

Rarely are these momentous turning points in life ever planned or expected, but they come from a choice. Picture in your mind having already attained your goal...and amazing things will happen. Keep your priorities; spend time with your family (they grow up fast). The years go by swiftly. Never take them for granted.

He quit his job to be a writer & spend more time with his family. The average annual income of most writers is < \$5000. 95% of published books never reach 10,000 copies. But he is great & became a best-seller. Goals without a plan & time limit are useless. When we burn our bridges & have no way to retreat, the only way we can go is forward. People have all the potential, but lose faith in themselves after getting knocked down so many times. His self-help book became a best seller.

What is it worth if we can rescue just one person from the misery of failure? Each morning thank God for the gift of a new day. **We can change by a choice.**

Quotes: Nothing worth achieving comes easy in this life. The greatest legacy we can leave our children is happy memories. Few things are necessary to make the wise man happy while no amount of material wealth would satisfy a fool.

Books: Lectures to Young Men (Henry Beecher); Acres of Diamonds (Russ Conwell); How to Win Friends & Influence People (Dale Carnegie); The Power of Positive Thinking (Norman Peale); Jonathon Livingston Seagull (Richard Bach); How to Conquer Life (Alex Anthony)

Poem:

I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.