

# The Greatest Miracle

by Og Mandino (1975)

The old man, Simon, was a rag picker (found people who gave up & gave them hope). It was more than coincidences how Og's last book was the same as Simon's life. Simon became Og's mentor & one day gave him the God Memorandum [then vanished like an angle would]. The memo was to be read each night before bed for 100 nights. The 4 laws in it were: **count your blessings; proclaim your rarity [be yourself]; go another mile; make wise choices & do all things with love.**

We are all here to help one another. Most humans have lost their dreams & surrendered their fight for self-esteem. Find them & give them a new sense of hope & direction. When God does a miracle, it is usually through a person. Whatever we allow to enter our minds will always bear fruit. As a man thinks in his heart, so is he (**we become what we think**). By merely repeating a thought over & over it will become a permanent part of our personality.

Most men quit too soon in life. Man can accomplish any goal if he is willing to pay the price. People either do good things & respect themselves or bad things & feel worthless. **Most people who are unhappy no longer feel they are a special miracle of God.** If everyone lit a candle, we could turn the darkest night into the brightest day.

Most people are not ready to receive help until they hit bottom. Our strength grows out of our weakness. We have the power to control our mind & thus our destiny. Do good & shut up. Burn bridges so there is no way but forward [like Alexander the Great]. Those who have earned a fortune are more careful of it than those by whom it was inherited.

## Quotes:

"The only time I find people who have no problems is when I walk in the cemetery." (Norman Vincent Peale); "The best time to help was when they have lost all hope." "...through this brief moment of eternity." "True security lies not in things one has, but in the things one can do without." (Og)

## Books:

Wake up & Live; The Power of Positive Thinking; How to Win Friends & Influence People (Carnegie); Lives of Great men (Plutarch); Don Quixote (Cervantes); The Human Mind (Menninger); The Imitation of Christ (Kempis); As a Man Thinks (Allen); Magnificent Obsession (Lloyd Douglas); Cycles [Mysterious Forces that Trigger Coming Events] (Ed Dewey); I'll Cry Tomorrow (Lillian Roth); Tough Times Never Last, but Tough People do (Robert Schuller); Screwtape Letters (CS Lewis); Three Steps Forward two Steps Back (Charles Swindoll)

## Poem:

I had the blues because I had no shoes. Until upon the street I met a man who had no feet. The hour of my departure has arrived, and we go our ways...I to die, & you to live. (Socrates)