

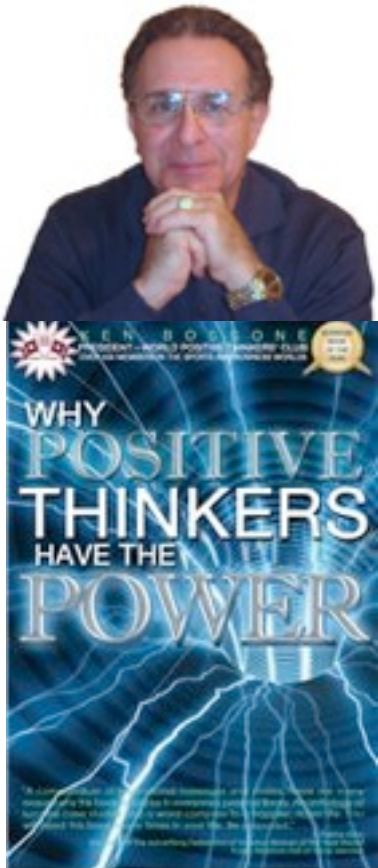


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Why Positive Thinkers have the Power

by Ken Bossone



You can read all kinds of books on the bookshelves telling the secret to success, and years ago I stumbled onto the secret of success through reading about people who achieved it. Earl Nightingale, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Napoleon Hill, Dr. Maxwell Maltz, Andrew Carnegie, and W. Clement Stone, to name a few, as well as many other people with sagacity throughout history, such as Plato, Socrates, Confucius, Marcus Aurelius, and many others have all disagreed on many different subjects. But every one of these erudite people has agreed “you become what you think about.” If you think success, you become successful; if you think failure, you become a failure. But, and this is the great alternative-but-what do you have to do to become successful? It is not enough that you have to think success to become successful. Shortly, I will tell you the most important three-word part to the equation, that when coupled with goals will lead you to being happy and successful. Every good book you read will tell you that to be successful you have to have goals. Webster’s dictionary defines success as “the satisfactory accomplishment of a goal sought for.” Then there is the definition of success by one of the zaniest professional baseball players to ever

wear a uniform, Bob Uecker. Bob once said, “My career is a confirmation of one of the basic laws of success: Anything is attainable if you don’t need it.” Of course Bob speaks with tongue in cheek, because while Bob was a mediocre ball player in his own opinion, he went on to be a success in broadcasting and on television with his popular comedy series, Mr. Belvedere and as an announcer. Just recently this mediocre ball player was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame for his baseball broadcasting ability. My own personal opinion is, while some ball players are mediocre in the major leagues, and others become stars, just getting to the majors is considered being successful.

As a matter of fact, you will have to go through what I have been through, or close to it. And I am not kidding. You must be willing to suffer. You must be willing to sacrifice. You must be willing to eat peanut butter and jelly sandwiches without the peanut butter and jelly. And let me tell you right here and now, brother or sister, if you are not willing to sacrifice, if you are not willing to face anxiety, if you are not willing to put off the bill collectors, then don’t plan on becoming a winner. But, “Happy the man, and happy he

alone, he who can call today his own: he, who can secure within, can say:

"Tomorrow, do thy worst, for I have lived today."— Author unknown And remember, tomorrow is a mystery; yesterday is history; today is a gift, that is why it is called the present.

Every single person who made it to the top had to sacrifice and take risks unless they inherited wealth. And even those people had to face obstacles in their personal lives. Many of them took their own lives, because they were not allowed the luxury of facing obstacles in their early lives. They were pampered and coddled by others when they faced obstacles in childhood. Others eliminated their problems for them. When they faced crises in their grown up lives, they crumbled. It reminds me of a roommate I lived with. Six of us rented an old mansion in the area near Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. One of our roommates was a recent graduate of a prestigious college. He came from a very wealthy family and his father did everything for him. This young man never worked a day in his life. After a three-month stay with us, he informed us he was going to New York to take on Wall Street and, "show it how things were done." I remember several of us shaking our

heads and wishing him well and in my heart I did not give him much of a chance. But myself being a Positive Thinker, I felt he might be different. So off he went to take on powerful Wall Street as a stockbroker.

A year later almost to the exact day, he called us and asked if he could get a room back. The roommate who replaced him had just left, so, fortunately for him, we did have a room available. When he arrived at the house he had a dejected look on his face and his shoulders were slumped. He barely spoke above a whisper. He stayed in his room, rarely leaving except to eat. He had never had to fend for himself, and Wall Street had gobbled him up and spit him out as flotsam. In my opinion, this is a message to all parents to allow their children to take risks and fend for themselves at times.

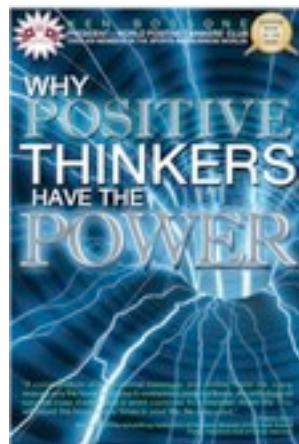
The problem is, he was conditioned like the cricket in a jar. When you put a cricket in a glass jar with a lid, the cricket will jump and jump and jump. He will bang his head on the jar, and he will be conditioned to jump no higher than the lid. That is proven when you remove the lid after a while. He has become so conditioned that he can't jump higher than the lid, so he stays in the jar. That is what happens to people who have



everything done for them. When they go out into the cruel world they bang their heads against the lid, because their thinking controls them. ###

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