

The Cruise of Life

By this I know that You are well pleased with me, because my enemy does not triumph over me.

Ps 41:11, NKJ

You are my King, O God; victories for Jacob. Through You we will push down our enemies; Through Your name we will trample those who rise up against us.

Ps 44:4,5 NKJ

Winning in life comes through living through the insightful but highly neglected precepts of life's experiences. Life must never leave it to chance but living it through "chokmah" (divine) wisdom. Success is never one-time event. Success is the result of choices not chances. Right choices take you to the right destination in life. Mediocrity is the result of the ignorance of wise instructions. You aren't designed to be mediocre, and you don't have to settle for second best. You don't have to remain where you are. You can excel at everything to which you diligently set your hand!

If you do nothing, you will go nowhere and guarantee a season of nothing. Your success or failure thus far are never final; they are destinations of a chosen path. Life was designed to be a continual ascension. You make incremental progress by making right choices. In order to excel, you must be willing to change for the better. You change your life by changing your choices. The truths you say amen to are the truths that bring you to where you are today!

Let go of the unprofitable ways and embrace the way of revelation that guarantee breakthroughs. Be willing to keep on pressing forward for excellence. Intention is only the infant of progress while pursuit is the parent of prosperity. Unfulfilled dreams are the results of broken focus. Life only rewards the completion of a pursuit of perseverance.

Consider the following maxim sayings as saying reflection for wise living (Part I):

1) *Passion is productivity.*

The reality of your dream is expressed by the red-hot intensity of your pursuit. Inject daily doses of energy, enthusiasm and earnestness into life.

2) Purposefulness is progression.

You will never possess what you are unwilling to pursue. You will never pursue what you are unwilling to let go. Fertilize your enthusiasm by rewarding every incremental improvement.

3) Progression is a personal affair.

Nobody is in charge of your happiness except you. Remember this pointer: Don't try to be on top of the game. Try to stay on top of your game!

4) Performance is productivity.

Remove every emotional hiccups that hinder your advancement: No matter how you feel: get up, dress up, shoulder up, show up and brighten up. Remember emotions are followers of intentional behaviour.

5) Life is a laboratory of experiences.

Realise that life is a school and you are here to learn. Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away like algebra class...but the lessons you learn will last a lifetime.

6) Perspective is prudence.

Life isn't fair, but it's still good.

7) Life is a series of ups and downs.

Enjoy the ride. Remember that this is not Disney world and you certainly don't want a fast pass. You only have 1 ride through life so make the most of it and enjoy the ride.

8) Your past is never your future.

However, make peace with your past so it won't be a murmurer of your present moments.

9) Everything in life is subject to change according to 2 Cor 4:18.

However, good or bad a situation is, it will change over time. *"Today's excellence is tomorrow's mediocrity."*

10) Forgiveness is the invisible eraser of all bad memories of the past.

Practice Phi 3:13 by obeying Phi 4:8.

11) Time heals almost everything.

Give time, time! The Solomonic wisdom of Ecc 3:11 is true: *“He has made everything beautiful in its time...”* (NIV); *“He has set the right time for everything ...”* (GNB)

12) Life is cyclic in nature:

“Whatever happens or can happen has already happened before. God makes the same thing happen again and again.” (Ecc 3:15, GNB). The old saying is true: What goes round, comes around!

13) Wear a smile goes a mile!

Positivity is a proof of promotion in life. Cheerfulness drives negativism a mile away. Rejoice evermore over this truth: *“...Then you will admit that the supreme God controls all human kingdoms, and that he can give them to anyone he chooses.”* (Dan 4:25, GNB)

14) Worry is a time-waster.

Don't contaminate your faith by these toxins. Have patience! In times, even grass becomes milk. The wise saying of Benjamin Franklin: *“Contentment makes poor men rich; Discontent makes rich men poor.”* Realize that contentment is not the fulfillment of what you want, but the realization of how much you already have. Embrace the Pauline counsel of Phil 4:11-13, banished these anxieties away.

15) Life becomes your butler when you began your day with “God first”.

There are many truths leading to the top of Mount Zion, but there is only one summit – Love. *“Christian love, either towards God or towards man, is an affair of the will.”* C.S. Lewis. Therefore, decide each day to make loving God your goal of living. Life has no real meaning till love blooms.

Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery. The yesterday is no more here, and the tomorrow has not come yet. Today is a gift of life. Each second we live is a new and unique moment of the universe – a moment that never was before and never will be again. Whatever it's going to be and all there is, is this moment. The future is the result of what we do right now. Hence, a focused life is the most powerful life. Live it intentionally and you will live a life without any regrets.