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THE CALLING

Thus have I heard: A great way to enjoy our moments is to focus less on the by-products of a super life and more on living superbly.

How often do you recognize the immense possibilities that await you in each priceless moment?

Free choice is not about thinking, speaking, or doing whatever you want, whenever you want, or however you want. It is the strength of character to choose to think, speak and do, what is fitting and wholesome in each moment. Live insightfully, and you will realize that it is not the desire to be successful, prosperous or happy that matters; everyone has that. It is the desire to **prepare** for success, prosperity and lasting happiness and to then follow through on this desire in a disciplined manner – in all important areas of your life – that separates those who achieve their aspirations from those who only dream about them.

The way to true freedom, in its most pristine form, is not related to freedom **for** the self, but freedom **from** the self; especially the “self” that shackles you to a lifestyle you feel desperate to leave behind, if you only knew how.

Your journey through life is based on a long succession of choices with their inevitable downstream effects that lead to either greatness or grief. Be aware of how your insatiable yearning for transitory goals and pleasures depletes you and steers you away from making your greatest contribution to yourself and others.

Any multiplication by zero always results in zero! Therefore, isn't it a waste of life to pursue goals that yield little or no satisfaction? Do not mistake the promise of happiness to be the acquisition of material and professional goals. Examine your assumptions deeply, to see if they are in sync with reality and really serving you. Understand that the most practical life is the moral life and that the moral life is the only road not just to your survival but also to your thriving in this world of constant change.

Perceiving and responding to our spiritual calling is vital for living an exceptional life. It would be lovely if our spirit growled every time it was hungry, the way our stomachs do, but it does not. The voice of the hungry spirit is confusion, relationship fiascos and dissatisfaction in every area of our lives.

If you rearrange the molecules of carbon in the right way, you create a diamond. Similarly, when you rearrange your priorities wisely, you can transform your life into a masterpiece; it is then that you flow in alignment with your calling and begin to craft an exceptional life that is of great benefit to all.

The greatest value in living insightfully is that it promotes inner peace and outer effectiveness. Remember, that the best time to plant a tree is always twenty years ago; and the second-best time, is always today. Most of us toy with merely improving our lives, when what is available is total, irreversible, transformation that brings us in touch with the glory of creation.

So learn to live superbly; do something outstanding today, to add to the treasury of human excellence.

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