

Introduction

I want your Dreams to come true.

Dreams for a better life – physically, emotionally, financially, spiritually – are desires deeply rooted in the human heart. We are so fortunate to have the opportunity to choose the course of our lives. America was built by visionaries and dreamers. Our history is filled with their great success stories.

These dreamers and visionaries dared to follow their passions and dreams and truly believed that *anything is possible*. We must realize that this is more than an expression. It is a promise. It is the truth – *anything is possible!* However, in order for it to be true, we must have the vision and passion to turn our dreams into realities. Our history is full of examples that inspire and remind us of this.

- Abraham Lincoln dreamed of becoming president of the United States. He overcame great odds and persevered through many trials to achieve this dream. He ended the scourge of slavery and reunited a country torn by civil war at a defining moment in our nation's history, shaping our destiny.
- The inventions of Thomas Edison were huge technological advancements in our society that would not have happened without his passion and vision.
- The Wright brothers were told they would never fly – indeed, that man was not *meant* to fly – but they were not deterred. They dreamed of a flying machine and realized that dream, ushering in the era of air transportation.
- Henry Ford's vision of low-cost, reliable automobiles for everyone led to the mass-produced Model T, changing the face of transportation around the world. Few know of the consistent opposition and criticism he faced.
- After the Great Depression, Barron Hilton dreamed that his tiny hotel would one day grow to be a huge international hotel chain. Today, the Hilton name is one of the most recognized hotel brands in the world.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream of racial equality that changed the destiny of America. His passion drove him at the cost of his life. The story of Dr. King's peaceful struggle for racial equality is standard curriculum for American school children. He is honored in a manner similar to our greatest presidents.

Of course, these are the legendary stories most of us know. Many other examples could be cited. If you could speak to these individuals, each one would tell a familiar story. They would tell you that along the way there were many moments of doubt and near failure. They would stress the importance of perseverance. They would tell you of their passion for their vision. They might also share about the many people who thought they would never succeed. These "dream-stealers" and doubters, naysayers and critics are in everyone's life. They would also tell you that they *did not listen* to such people (many of whom were probably family members or relatives). Instead, they clung to their dreams and visions. They were driven by a passion that did not waiver. They reached the mountaintop. And when their victories or successes were celebrated, these very same people probably gathered around them saying, "We *knew* you could do it!"

These dreamers and visionaries are no different than you or me. What history makes clear though, is that they took *action* in regards to their dreams with purpose and perseverance. They would not let their dreams slip from their hearts or minds. Because of this, their dreams became their realities and shaped their destinies. The same can be true for you!

The dreams, visions and passions of these legends were planted within them for a reason. They were there to benefit “the common good” – serving the greater good of humanity and the world around us. That may sound lofty, but when we function in the area of our gifts and talents (our natural resources), pursuing what we are passionate about, we make the world a better place. We improve the lives of others and the environment around us. This changes our world!

If we connect with that which is above us (The Higher Power), we tap into power greater than we possess on our own. On the contrary, if we attempt to go through life using our own power, we are likely to live a meager and frustrated existence.

Don’t settle for a life of mediocrity or misery, doing something just for the money, or doing something you hate because it’s what you know. We each have great potential and the possibility of a prosperous and fulfilling life. This does not mean riches (though that’s possible), but a life filled with meaning, joy and purpose. But we must find this path and focus our thoughts in that direction. In this way we identify our destiny. “Dream to Destiny” will teach you how.

When we do what we are destined for in this world no one can stop us. However, we must run the race marked out for us with perseverance.ⁱ What is the race marked out for you? After reading and doing the exercises in this book, you will know what your race is, what your unique purpose in this life is. You will discover the *TRUE* dreams in your heart, and learn to manifest their reality. You are meant to live with passion and purpose. Ancient wisdom teaches that without dreams and passions, people slowly die emotionally, spiritually and physically.ⁱⁱ Don’t let this happen to you! You have the opportunity to live life to the fullest, live your dreams and live with passion. Don’t settle for less.

You may find some of the ideas and concepts contained within this book radical or hard to accept. It may challenge your conventional thinking – personal, spiritual, religious or otherwise. If this is true, good! Embrace new forms of thought. Major shifts in life, our paradigms, character or behavior rarely happen in ways that are comfortable or easy. These concepts are not based on opinion, but on eternal truth, ancient wisdom and natural universal laws. All of the elements presented are things I have personally experienced. I practice and live these principles daily. That is why I am so confident in this system. It has worked consistently in my life for 24 years! This method has worked for others, and it will work for you too, as long as you do it!

What will your destiny be? What are your true dreams and passions? Imagination influences aspiration. All accomplishment begins with a vision and a dream. Your dreams determine your destiny. Without vision, passions die. Without vision, dreams fade. Without vision, destiny disappears. Without vision, people perish.ⁱⁱⁱ

It is time for you to re-discover your dreams. It is time for you to identify your true passions. It is time for you to manifest your destiny. Dream to Destiny will help you do just that!

ⁱ Hebrews 12:1

ⁱⁱ Proverbs 23:7 KJV

ⁱⁱⁱ Proverbs 29:18 KJV