

# BUILD YOUR OWN ROAD

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Life is like a road. It can be smooth or rough, straight or crooked, short or long and dull or interesting. And **You** have the personal power to BUILD YOUR OWN ROAD in any direction you choose. Our lives are what we make them. Sometimes, we have to change our plans or directions to accommodate various situations that we either can't avoid or choose to evade. And isn't that like the road builder who designs highways to accommodate certain landscapes or to avoid certain obstacles?

As travelers, we can reach any destination we choose by taking the right roads. The number and choices of roads are numerous. The same is true in life. By taking the right "paths" or courses of action, we can reach any vision of success that we hold.

Many people plod along through life without a plan for success. Or, worse yet, they operate on someone else's plan and wonder why they are so unfulfilled. By failing to design their own roads, they are cheating themselves out of much of the joy that life has to offer.

Do you agree that you deserve the very best from life? Have you ever just once wished, dreamed or prayed that someone would solve your problems for you...secretly knowing that only YOU can solve your problems? Are you ever worried that your plans just won't work out? Are you ready to take action that will catapult you into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century with your own vision of life and success?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, you are ready to begin BUILDING YOUR OWN ROAD! Right now, this very moment, you have all the personal power and strength you need to pursue any road you choose...but you need a vision...some people call it a purpose, a mission or a quest.

A majority of people in this world never take the time to discover their vision. They meander from one event to another without focus. Frequently, they are faced with what they consider unbreakable barriers and roadblocks, become frustrated, negative and bitter. Their lack of vision and design are primary obstacles to their personally defined success.

Many of you might ask, "How do I develop a vision? What does that mean? Where do I start?"

There are many approaches to discovering your vision, mission or quest. One approach that works for many is to think for a moment about the one thing in all the world that you love to do. It could be reading, talking, woodworking or helping others.

Once you have identified what you love to do, think back to your childhood and rediscover the dream you held for the future. Now put the two together and focus on NOW.

Here is just one example of how it works: The one thing I love to do more than anything else in the whole world is to talk and inspire. My childhood dream was to be a Gypsy on Broadway, to be involved with the world by sending a message through dance and music. And although I never danced on Broadway, I have never lost the dream. Now, this very moment, I am dancing my way through life by doing what I love to do and am living my own personally defined success. WHEN YOU DO WHAT YOU LOVE AND LOVE WHAT YOU DO, success follows you everywhere you travel! When you approach life with purpose, each day is an exciting adventure filled with boundless opportunities! See how this works? I am no different than you. Define and personalize your own success. Combine your love with your dream and BUILD YOUR OWN ROAD!

That's the essence of true success. It might seem simple, but it's not necessarily easy. That's one reason why the world is so full of frustrated people. They either have no vision of success, or they've never taken the time to design roads leading to it.

Certainly, there are millions of rationalizations (excuses) for not pursuing success right now...today. You've probably heard them; you may have even said them yourself: "As soon as the children are in school; just as soon as my spouse gets a better job; when I start feeling better; when the economy turns around, I plan to..." By the end of the year you will have added at least five new excuses. Excuses serve as roadblocks to true happiness.

So, what can you do right now to start action? BELIEVE IN YOURSELF, EMBRACE YOUR LOVE OF LIFE AND REACQUAINT YOURSELF WITH YOUR DREAMS. IDENTIFY YOUR STRENGTHS AND DEVELOP THEM TO YOUR HIGHEST POTENTIAL. KNOW THAT YOU KNOW. KNOW THAT YOU ARE A GOOD PERSON. SURROUND YOURSELF WITH A CADRE OF POSITIVE PEOPLE... PEOPLE WHO RECOGNIZE THE CHALLENGE OF LIFE AND FOSTER ITS VALUE.

And always remember, YOU ARE AN INCREDIBLE PERSON!

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