THE POWER TO BE YOUR BEST!

Foreword by
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The Power To Be Your Best! will captivate your heart and imagination.

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I was beginning a fourteen-day international speaking tour that was to start and end in Sydney, Australia. We were at thirty-five thousand feet, and the captain of United Airlines Flight 815 came on the intercom system and said, "Folks, our computers have informed us that we do not have enough fuel to reach Sydney. We are going to have to make an emergency landing in Brisbane to get more fuel to reach our final destination." He went on to say that there was nothing to fear, that this was simply a precautionary step as the weather in Sydney was threatening and we might have to circle for up to one hour prior to landing.

As we sat on the ground in Brisbane, it occurred to me that this is what many people experience in their lives every day: They run out of fuel on the way to their destinations. Sadder yet, many don’t know where or how to get refueled so they can continue their journey. There are many reasons for this. Primary among them is the failure to pay attention to their "fuel" supply gauge, which would have provided ample warning of imminent ...
4. This relates to the Law of Repetition. Look at what you’ve written for number 3. List five benefits you feel you’ll receive when your new actions become daily habits.

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What will I do today in each value area?
What are my short-term goals in my value areas?
Develop clarifying vision statements.
What do I value in life?
What’s important about success to me?

When you put it all together, here’s the way it looks as a model:

THE BLUEPRINT FOR SUCCESS PYRAMID
PLAN OF ACTION FOR LIVING YOUR LIFE BY DESIGN

To implement the principles in this chapter:

1. Go to your “Rock.”
2. Ask the purpose question and work the dialogue:
   What’s important about success to me?
   What is my purpose?
3. Ask the values question and arrive at five to eight value areas. Rank them. Why are they important to me?
4. For each of your value areas, develop a clarifying vision statement (CVS) written in a positive, affirming, and present tense.
5. For each CVS, develop a mission statement.
6. For each mission statement, develop three to five activities that, when accomplished, you feel will move you intentionally in the direction of fulfilling your mission and vision in each important area of your life.

Now develop the habit of spending a minimum of fifteen minutes each morning or evening reviewing your “map.” Schedule your activities to allow you to develop a success routine. You will discover great power to act when you live your life with purpose and values-based commitments. As your coach, I also want you to be realistic. You will have good and bad days. Some days you will forget to review your map. At other times, you’ll be so tuned in to your purpose and values that you’ll be unstoppable. The key to your greater success is to promise yourself, as much as possible, to stay focused on the map. Because whenever you are lost, your map will bring you home.
CHAPTER THREE

Seven Top Behaviors for Effective Living

PLAN OF ACTION FOR PERSONAL INFLUENCE

1. List below three to five positive new choices that you will initiate immediately. Develop a short affirmation statement for each to help keep you on track.

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2. How would you improve your life by providing a concentrated focus to those areas important to you? How will this sustained focus give you a greater edge? How will it get you closer to the results you want? What are those areas? Match them against the clarifying vision statements you created in chapter 2.

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3. How are you doing in the area of personal faith? What changes do you feel you should make in this part of your life?

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We are here to be excited from youth to old age, to have an insatiable curiosity about the world... We are also here to help others by practicing a friendly attitude. And, every person is born for a purpose. Everyone has a God-given potential, in essence, built into them. And if we are to live life to the fullest, we must realize that potential.

— Norman Vincent Peale

What is success? I think it is a mixture of having a flair for the thing that you are doing; knowing that it is not enough, that you have got to have hard work and a certain sense of purpose.

— Margaret Thatcher

DESTINATION SUCCESS: WHY ARE YOU HERE?

CHAPTER FOUR

Some 350 years ago, a shipload of travelers landed on the northeast coast of North America. The first year they established a town site. The next year they elected a town government. The third year the town government made the decision to build a small road five miles westward into the wilderness. In the fourth year the people tried to impeach the leaders of the town government because they thought it was a waste of public funds to build a five-mile stretch of road into the western wilderness. Who needed to go there?

What's wrong with this picture? Here was a group of battered and bruised pioneers who had a compelling vision that drove them three thousand miles across an ocean, overcoming great hardships to get there. In five years' time, however, they could not see the need to venture five miles out of town. They had lost their pioneering vision. They had lost their purpose.

I've discovered that it's not just the pioneers in this story who have lost their vision. Millions of people across this land once had a compelling vision and drive that kept them moving forward, but eventually that vision and drive seems to dissipate. Some people lose their purpose. Some people lose their focus. Some people drift in the wrong direction.

Ben Franklin’s Ladder of Success

PLAN OF ACTION FOR BECOMING AN ON-PURPOSE PERSON

1. On a scale of 1 to 10, 10 being the best, rate how you are doing for each of the rungs on Benjamin Franklin’s Ladder of Success. Go to the ladder diagram and enter your score beside each rung.

2. List three things you need to be doing immediately to help you live a more on-purpose life.
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3. Are you looking for “acres of diamonds” in your own backyard? If not, what actions are you prepared to take to become more of an “internal” person rather than one who keeps looking for success “where the grass is greener”?
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4. To help you start winning more, what areas of your life could use some new decisions? Be specific.
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Courage is the price that life exacts for granting peace. The soul that knows it not, knows no release from little things.—Amelia Earhart

We [my plane and I] took off rather suddenly. We had a report somewhere around 4 o'clock in the afternoon before that the weather would be fine, so we thought we would try it.—Charles A. Lindbergh

Chapter Five

I had been seated for less than half an hour when the plane's captain came on the intercom and announced that we would be departing Sydney for Brisbane in about ten minutes. After two weeks of enjoying nothing but Aussie accents, the captain's American voice came first as a surprise, then as a pleasant reminder that before long I would be back in the States with my family and friends.

I asked the flight attendant, "Would you mind telling the captain that there's an American on board who'd like to say hello?"

She nodded, walked to the cockpit, and returned within minutes. "Captain McDonald has invited you to visit him in the cockpit," she said. "Would you like to follow me?"

Trying to hide my boyish delight at receiving this gracious invitation, I quickly got up and began moving from my seat to the aisle when she stopped me and said, "Bring your bags. I think you're in for a treat."

A treat!

Now I was really getting excited, not letting anyone know, of course. Without questioning the flight attendant, I

ARE YOUR WHEELS BALANCED? EXERCISE

In the circle on the next page, you will notice there are eight spokes. Think of the outer ring as the wheel; think of the inner circle as the hub. You are the hub, and the outer wheel is your life. Depending on how you are doing on each of the spokes, your life either rolls smoothly, or, because your spokes are not "trued," your wheel wobbles. Worst-case scenario, your wheel has a flat spot that makes it impossible for it to roll at all. I have put my value areas on the spokes as an example.

On each of the spokes of the blank wheel, I want you to write one of your value areas from chapter 2. Proceed clockwise and write down your eight value areas, rotating every other spoke with four value areas until you have gone around once. Then continue to add four more value areas on the spokes that remain.

Second, rate yourself honestly on how you are doing in each of these areas. Put a dot on each line where you think you are at this moment. A rating of 1 is next to the hub, 10 is at the end of the spoke. A rating of 1 indicates that this area of your life isn't working as well as you would like; a rating of 10 suggests that this area is working extremely well. Complete the rating for each of the spokes. Don't sabotage yourself! Be honest. It's your life.

Here's the last step. Choose any one of the dots on any spoke, and with your pen or pencil connect that dot, moving clockwise to the next dot. Continue clockwise to the next dot until you have gone all the way around, ending with the first dot. This is your life, your current wheel. How does your real life now compare with the round one that encircles it? Do you have any flat spots? Are there any dents? If yours is like mine, I'm sure your answer will have to be yes. This is where your goal setting begins. The areas where you need improvement begin when you are clear on where you and God want you to go.

Questions to Get You Thinking

I want you to take inventory of where you are right now by asking yourself a series of important questions. I've designed them to help you become more intentional about what you feel you must become to sense your true significance. Just as pilots

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Step Number 3: Develop a Clarifying Vision Statement. What do I want to be, have, or do long term in this area? This vision statement clarifies my long-term vision in the spiritual area of my life:

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Step Number 4: Develop a Mission Statement. What do I want to be, have, or do short term in this area? This mission statement embraces my short-term goals in the spiritual area of my life:

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Step Number 5: Daily Activities. What do I need to do today? What activities need to be scheduled today to move me closer to my goals spiritually?

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Step Number 4: Develop a Mission Statement. What do I want to be, have, or do short term in this area? This mission statement embraces my short-term goals in the health area of my life:

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Step Number 5: Daily Activities. What do I need to do today? What activities need to be scheduled today to move me closer to my goals physically?

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Life by Design Planner

Step Number 3: Develop a Clarifying Vision Statement. What do I want to be, have, or do long term in this area? This vision statement clarifies my long-term vision in the family area of my life:

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Step Number 4: Develop a Mission Statement. What do I want to be, have, or do short term in this area? This mission statement embraces my short-term goals in the family area of my life:

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Step Number 5: Daily Activities. What do I need to do today? What activities need to be scheduled today to move me closer to my goals **professionally**?

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_Step Number 3: Develop a Clarifying Vision Statement._ What do I want to be, have, or do long term in this area? This vision statement clarifies my long-term vision in the **financial** area of my life:

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_Step Number 4: Develop a Mission Statement._ What do I want to be, have, or do short term in this area? This mission statement embraces my short-term goals in the **financial** area of my life:

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One morning as I looked out over Darling Harbor in Sydney, Australia, from my hotel room, I again reminded myself how most people seem to live their lives: It’s go, go, go—pause, deep breath, throw the shoulders back, exhale—go, go, go some more. Everywhere I looked I saw taxis hurrying, cars racing, and people scurrying. Pedestrians were looking at their watches, tapping their feet impatiently as they waited for the traffic lights to change. They smoked too much, drank too much, worried too much. Everything was just another rush hour for them, and that lifestyle continued nonstop, not only here in Sydney, but in cities and towns around the globe.

How about you? Do external forces drive your life or are your days ordered by simplicity? Have you found that the game of managing your time eludes you, or are you the master of your time? Have you ever crafted what you knew was a foolproof plan of action only to see it messed up by midmorning? Once in a state of disarray, can you recall how difficult it was to get yourself back on track? If you are not living your life on purpose, which of the other elements also improve. Gaining control of events that strengthen you and help you achieve your highest priorities is the foundation you must have to live the life you want to live. Once you start along this path, you will find that everything begins to come together. Within weeks, even days, you can make more progress than you have in years past.

To live life on purpose, you must get far enough ahead of the curve to bolster your confidence and take more control. Your esteem is enhanced when you do; it suffers when you do not.

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PLAN OF ACTION FOR IMPLEMENTING VALUES-BASED LIVING

1. In what areas of your life do you feel you are less than effective in planning and scheduling?
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2. What clutter in your life can you begin to get rid of (or delegate) to help you focus more intensely on those values that are truly important to you?
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3. What are five things you can do to simplify your life now? Be specific.
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PLAN OF ACTION FOR BEING
THE HUSBAND GOD DESIGNED YOU TO BE

1. What is keeping you from developing complete intimacy with your wife? What will you do to get rid of these distractions?

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2. What are your thoughts on how you might be a better leader in the home? How might your new approach to leadership affect your wife?

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3. List up to five behaviors you can adopt to add value for your wife:
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4. What are the two most important things you have committed to start doing today with your wife?
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Train up a child in the way he should go, 
Even when he is old he will not depart from it. 
— Proverbs 22:6, nasb

Date Your Daughters and Knight Your Sons

CHAPTER EIGHT

Child rearing is a tough topic, but if you are to develop the power to be your best, then your children must also have the power to be their best, and that, my friend, is up to you. The simple rule: Get to your kids before their peers and society do. Our kids are in trouble, and it is up to you and me to do something about it. There is a war raging in the streets of America for the lives of our children. We simply must win that war because, frankly, the statistics are against us.

Steve Farrar, in his book Point Man, compiled the following statistics. Some of them we’ve heard before. The rest are shocking:

• One out of two marriages ends in divorce.
• The median age for divorce is thirty-four for men and thirty for women.
• In 1960 a woman maintained one out of every ten households with no husband present; in 1986 a woman maintained one out of every six households with no husband present.

What will your kids remember about you? What meaningful lessons will you have taught them?

On a snowy day long before the Civil War, Robert E. Lee took his eight-year-old son, Custis, out for a walk. The boy, wearied by the high drifts, began to fall behind his father. After a few minutes Lee looked back and saw that Custis was behind him, imitating his father’s every move and walking in the tracks Lee had left in the snow.

“When I saw this,” Lee told one of his friends long afterward, “I said to myself, it behooves me to walk very straight when this fellow is already following in my tracks.”

What footprints are you leaving for your children to follow? Are they straight or crooked? Wherever you go, they, too, will travel. Men, it’s up to us to help make the next generation into men and women of God—people who obey the rules, who live by our heavenly Father’s precepts, and who choose to walk the path of righteousness. Whatever is past is past; whatever you have not done right to this point is water under the bridge. Forget it and move on. No matter where your children are—at home or on their own—it is never too late to start being the dad God created you to be. There is no greater feeling than to know you are creating a legacy for your children.

PLAN OF ACTION FOR BEING THE FATHER GOD DESIGNED YOU TO BE

1. What is keeping you from developing complete trust with your children? What will you do to get rid of these distractions?

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2. What are your thoughts on how you might be a better leader in the home? How might your new approach to leadership affect your children?

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3. List up to five behaviors you can begin to do to add value for your children:

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4. What are the two most important things you have committed to start doing today with your children?

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A large percentage of America's working population does not enjoy the work they do! This is a profoundly tragic statistic considering that work consumes so much time in our lives. In a few brief decades, our working life adds up to be life itself.

— Marsha Sinetar

I've never heard anyone on his or her deathbed say, I wish I had spent more time at the office.

— Anonymous

Love What You Do... Do What You Love... and the Money Will Follow

CHAPTER NINE

Tenacity Is Your Friend.

The great college basketball coach Jim Valvano was one of a kind. A reporter once said that Damon Runyan would have loved him. Valvano was the choirboy who hid the matches, the fellow who'd shake your hand then hand you your watch. He was, by his own admission, a rogue, and he thrived on it. An honest con, the reporter said lovingly. Valvano once agreed to wear a microphone during the game for a feature that was going to run on the six o'clock news. The sports editor later said that there was so much material, he could have composed a sitcom from the outtakes of this colorful coach from North Carolina State.

Valvano, in one of the most inspirational speeches of all time, given just a few months before he died of brain cancer, looked his team in the face and said, "Guys, never, ever give up!"

Churchill

The greatest lie in the world is "It will be different tomorrow."
PLAN OF ACTION FOR VOCATIONAL FULFILLMENT

1. What do I want to be remembered for? What do I need to start doing to move in that direction?
2. How much money is enough? If I do not have enough, what could I do to earn more? If I have enough, what purpose does my surplus serve?
3. How am I feeling about my job or career right now? What changes would I want to make if I knew I could not fail?
4. Where do I want to be vocationally in ten or twenty years?
5. What could I offer in the marketplace that is not now being offered?
6. How can I perform better in my current job and enjoy more fulfillment?
7. How can I add value to the products, people, and industry I work with and serve?
8. What have my customers asked for that is not available?
9. Am I a person in business, or am I in business as a professional?
10. What am I doing where I am at my best? How can I do more of this? What transition options seem to fit my personality and gift traits? Should I: (1) Keep doing what I already do well, but change the environment? (2) Change the work but stay in the same environment? (3) Turn an avocation into a new career? (4) Double-track or triple-track in parallel careers? Keep on doing what I am doing past “retirement” age?
1. Review all the questions above and journal your response to each question.

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2. Review the **POWER** acrostic. In the areas of **passion**, **opportunities**, **willingness**, **energy**, and **results**, determine where you need to focus immediately to get closer to the life you desire.

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3. Review the **BLASTOFF** acrostic. In the areas of **belief**, **love**, **accumulating knowledge**, **Sigmoid’s curve**, **tenacity**, **ob the status quo**, **fun**, and **faith**, write what you need to do to take immediate action to gain the power to be your best.

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4. What two steps can you take today to begin moving in a different vocational direction, a direction you know is right for you?

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The Power of Promises

CHAPTER TEN

To be successful and to achieve our desires, we must raise the standards in our personal lives. By pursuing an enriched-values lifestyle, we daily place our integrity at risk. In achieving our goals, we make promises to ourselves and others. From this point forward the richness of our lives is a reflection of those promises, and our success is based on our keeping them.

By this time, you no doubt have already committed to some new courses of action in your life. When you choose a new direction, by definition you jettison other directions no longer acceptable to you. As you do this, you first must investigate how you have performed in the past. Ask yourself these next questions to help you think in this direction:

• Am I a person of integrity?
• Am I a person who keeps my word to myself and others?
• How would I do in a 60 Minutes interview?
• Is there anything in the private areas of my life that should not be there?

These are the kinds of questions I heard resonate from the people I had the privilege of meeting in the course of writing this book. 

As you make your new promises, one of the great ways you can be encouraged to keep them is through a relationship with a mentor or an accountability coach. You and I go through life needing motivators, models, and mentors. As we mature by making and keeping promises, we go from needing those three to becoming those three.

Keeping a promise gives us the crowning reward of ending well. Each of us will one day cross the finish line. One day our journey on this earth will end. There is no better way than to go through life now than by looking at it from the perspective of the finish line and deciding how you will run the race. The apostle Paul says we must forget what lies behind and reach forward to what lies ahead. If we do that now, we will finish strong, which is the most important part of the whole game of life.

Promises are the critical hinge on which our success is dependent. Are you a promise maker? More important, are you a promise keeper? There is no better choice for you to make at this moment than to be the latter. The only alternative is to be a promise breaker, and that's the fast track to chair number three.

PLAN OF ACTION FOR PROMISE MAKING AND PROMISE KEEPING

1. Look at the areas of your life that lack uncompromising integrity. What new promises should you make?

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2. Look at areas of your life where you are not keeping your word to yourself or others. What new promises should you make?

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3. If a *60 Minutes* interview were done on you tomorrow, what would they find that you would not want anyone to know about? What should you do with those areas now?

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4. What are the top three benefits you would experience by making and keeping new promises?

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As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.—Proverbs 27:17

The Power of a Mentor

CHAPTER ELEVEN

Olympic gold medalist Michael Johnson has one. One of the greatest Olympians in history, Bonnie Blair, has one. The winners of the Ironman Triathlon, Thomas Hellriegel and Heather Fuhr, both have one. Arguably the greatest basketball player who has ever lived, Michael Jordan, had one. The first and youngest player on the PGA ever to win more than two million dollars in a single year, Tiger Woods, has one. Leaders of some of the greatest companies in the world each have one. Increasingly, thousands of individuals like you and me each year are bringing one on board to help us gain and maintain the life we know we deserve. Behind every great accomplishment stand two people: the one who teaches and the person who executes what is taught. Enter the mentor.

One of the most significant things we can do with our lives is to engage the service of another person or persons to act as our lighthouse in a stormy sea. This person is our beacon who helps us avoid the rocks and shoals, gives us counsel, and provides the encouragement and hands-on assistance for us to make the right decisions on this journey called life. This is not a go-it-alone kind of thing. It is an act of faith and a declaration of purpose. We can learn from the mistakes of those who have come before us. With the right kind of help, we can make a new life for ourselves and then pass what we have learned down to others. We can make a difference in the world and then pass what we have learned down to others. We can make a difference in the world and then make a difference in the world. The mentor,

Accountability is the most potent fuel you will ever put in your tank on the way to becoming your best. Sure, it takes guts to be held accountable—it also requires a spirit of humility and a desire for excellence—but when it is in sync with your life purpose and your values, you will settle for nothing else. Go for it!

PLAN OF ACTION FOR POWER MENTORING

1. In what areas of your life do you feel it is necessary for you to seek out a mentor?

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2. Review the four responsibilities of the one who is being mentored. In what areas of your life could you improve your results by being mentored?

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3. Review the job responsibilities of being a mentor. Do you have these qualities now? If so, can you think of a candidate you can begin to mentor?

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4. What two steps can you take immediately to enter a relationship with a mentor? Who is that person? When will you pick up the phone and call him or her?

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CHAPTER TWELVE

From Grave to Glory

PLAN OF ACTION FOR SECURING YOUR FUTURE!

1. Read the book again.

2. Go back to chapter 2 and revisit your priorities.

3. List below the top ten things you are now motivated to do as a result of reading this book.

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4. Write down the names of five friends you believe should have a copy of this book and call us at 1-888-551-0905.

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