

The Evening Star

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IN THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY!



Spring is a great time to make new resolutions. We can all refresh our minds and move closer to our goals. Here's a good reminder from "Uncle Lou" about those roadblocks that we all seem to encounter.

"If you encountered roadblocks on your way home tonight, would you put a "For Sale" sign on your car and give up?

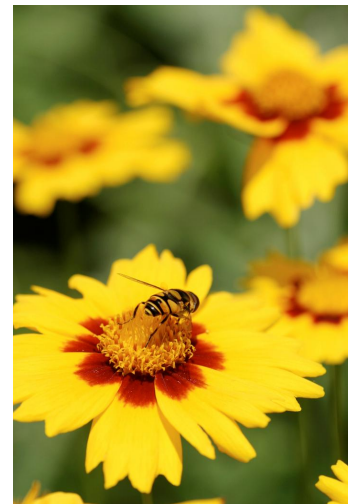
Why is it that if you encountered unexpected roadblocks on you way home tonight, it would never occur to you to simply give up trying to get there? It might take you longer, but you'd find some other way to make it home, wouldn't you?



I believe this is because you have a crystal-clear picture of your goal in mind and you also have unshakable confidence in your ability to achieve it. Confidence alone without the picture won't get you there, and neither will the picture without the belief in yourself. But together, they are an unbeatable combination.

When you discover this hypothetical obstacle, a way around it might not be immediately clear to you. You could be in an unfamiliar area or completely unaware of alternate routes, but that wouldn't stop you, would it? You would figure out the "how-to" as you went along. You would ask for help, borrow a map, and, one way or another, you would reach your goal.

The same is true of any goal you set in life. You don't have to know exactly how you are going to achieve it at the time you set the goal. In fact, if you expand your goals beyond what you know how to make happen, and if you hold a picture of the end-result you want vividly in your mind—refusing to give up until you achieve it—you set a powerful process in motion that will help you with the "how."



Flowery Thoughts from Space:

A Freudian slip is when you say one thing but mean your mother...



Spring is also a great time to start looking for that fantastic job! How do you get started ?

Remember, you never get a second chance to make a first impression. Think back to when you met someone for the first time. What caught your attention? What kind of impression did they make on you? Was it their hairstyle, clothing, the way they talked?

Here are some tips to get started!

Get a good night's sleep. Looking tired might mean you're a party animal, and that's not who they're hiring. Besides, you want to have a clear head so you can answer their questions confidently and completely.

Smile! That means be sure to brush and use that mouthwash! There's nothing worse than letting your interviewer know you had Great Aunt Millie's garlic bread with your salad.

How's your hair? Funky colors and hairstyles might frighten your potential employer. Try to tone it down and be sure to take a quick peek in the mirror before going in.

Clothing is, well, not optional. Stay away from T-shirts and low cut spaghetti strap blouses. Be sensible. You're not advertising your body, you're looking for a job. Shirts with collars, pressed pants, keep the jewelry to a minimum. Avoid bright colors, and please take the loose, jingly change out of your pockets.

Don't Pollute! Go easy on the fragrance and after-shave. You want to be remembered for your resume, not the scent that lingers hours after you've gone.

Shake! No, not in fear. A good handshake and a smile when leaving is a great way to show your interviewer that you are sincere and have enjoyed the interview opportunity.

Don't forget, Career Services can help with resumes and other tips for interviews. Lucille and Ginny will be happy to set an appointment with you and keep you on the path to success!

~ Happy Job Hunting! ~
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Sweater, n.: garment worn by child when its mother is feeling chilly. ~Ambrose Bierce