

July 28, 2008 - See You at the Top!

This past weekend was my 20th high school reunion. It's hard to believe it's been 20 years since I graduated from Mirabeau B. Lamar Senior High School in Houston, Texas. As they say, "Time flies when you're having fun". I made it to the 10 year reunion and it was quite an event. Unfortunately, I didn't make it to the one this weekend but I can only imagine how much fun it was.

When I thought of the reunion and meeting with old friends and acquaintances, I was reminded of a brief conversation I had with Tom, a friend of mine, just after we graduated. Our words to each other as we parted were, "See you at the top". From then we have gone on to different paths in life. And I really haven't been in contact with him over the years. But somehow, I believe that at just the right time, I will see him "at the top".

As I reflect on the years that have passed since graduation, I just know that somehow, many of my former classmates had bittersweet emotions about this reunion. I believe that some are exactly where they envisioned they would be today - 20 years after graduation. But probably, more of them look back and wonder where the years have gone and only wish they could get them back.

The class reunion is a milestone and can be a reality check when we consider that time is moving by quickly, with or without us. During childhood I was taught, "Time waiteth for no man". And in my poem, *The Train*, I wrote:

Just like the train keeps on moving
time ticks along like a clock.
You must seize each and every moment
that you hear opportunity knock.

Time does keep on moving whether we like it or not. If you're at a point in life where you feel that life is passing you by, you're not alone. Many great men and women have reached that point and from then on, committed themselves to ensuring that their lives are filled with more meaning and purpose. The good thing is getting to that point where you realize this because it is only then that you can begin to do something about it.

I encourage you to begin taking steps so that you move in the direction that gets you to your desired destination in life. Do you have a vision for how you would like your life to be? If not, how about beginning to take the necessary critical steps to realizing your goals and dreams.

On my CD, [Discovering Your Greatness](#), I share some practical steps that you can take to ensure you achieve your goals. The principles of success are universal and timeless. And if you commit yourself to implementing these principles in your life, then you will be positioned to reap the rewards that adhering to these principles brings.

Life Lesson: It is never too late to start working towards realizing your dreams and aspirations. By beginning today, you will embark on a journey that is sure to reap great rewards.

Readers' Responses:

CD: This is so very true! Most of the time we think that we have plenty of time to do what we want to do, to reach our goals...but then we realize that we have been standing still for so long that life has passed us by and our goals are even further away than before.

CC: You are right about the life lesson. I agree on that - I should start now so I won't be embarrassed at my high school reunion.

NPP: I definitely believe that once we define our dreams and aspirations we should keep on moving up one step at a time in faith to reach "our top".

PWH: Your perception is great. Like your poem says, "Time ticks along like a clock." Without focus you lose track of the years and achieve nothing!