



There is NO Overnight Success! (9-4)

There is no overnight success – sorry to disappoint you.

Many times, we witness someone rising to the top to our wonderment. Where did this person come from? Who is this person? How did they get so lucky?

There are very few lucky people in life. In 99% of all success cases, the person planned, worked, listened, persevered, believed, and kept on going for an extended period. Then, suddenly, their time came for their success.

The same holds true for you and everyone else on planet earth.

To illustrate a man that really understood this I would like to portray a little history about a person who practiced lifetime success – Theodore Roosevelt.

Theodore Roosevelt, who became President of the United States, did not start his life in the way most people would picture a successful person.

Roosevelt was born puny, sickly, and skinny, had poor eyesight, and had debilitating asthma. His father did not know how he was going to make it. Roosevelt's father challenged Theodore when he was a kid by saying, "You have the mind, but you have not the body, and without the help of the body the mind cannot go as far as it should. You must make the body."

Theodore Roosevelt took what his father said profoundly serious – he started slow – he became one of the greatest U.S. leaders to ever live!

Roosevelt's list of accomplishments is remarkable. Under his leadership, the United States emerged as a world power. He helped the country develop a first-class navy. He saw that the Panama Canal was built. He negotiated peace between Russia and China, winning a Nobel Peace Prize in the process.

Theodore Roosevelt is a classic example of how a person can become an incredible success and an influential leader – without any of the necessary tools.

Anyone can succeed in leadership if the desire is there.

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