

The successful man is the average man, focused.

The first rule of focus is, "Wherever you are, be there."

A few years ago, I bought my first digital camera. I step outside my house and walk around the flower beds and shrubs just clicking away, trying out my new camera. I see butterflies, flowers, birds, you name it and I took a picture of it on this day. Suddenly something catches my eye, some movement in the shrubs cause me to stop and look closer into the foliage. After a couple of minutes I spot this lizard moving across the leaves until he finally stops at this spot.

I take a few photos and pause to see what he is going to do next. But he just sets there frozen like a statue. He does not blink, you can't see him breath, nothing; he just stares straight at this flower. One minute goes by, two, three, still no movement whatsoever; he just stares at this flower. Just as I begin to wonder if this lizard is still among the living, a fly lands on the flower. At that moment, faster than I could blink, Mr. Lizard pounces on the fly and swiftly secures his prize between lizard lips that were curved into a large grin.

As he jumped from leaf to leaf making his way into the undergrowth, I thought I could see him smiling. What was the secret of Mr. Lizard's success? It was not his size, because he was a rather small lizard. It was not his showmanship or large brain (I am pretty sure I could beat him in an IQ test); what made this rather average lizard so successful? The same thing that will make you and I succeed; focusing on the task at hand.

Find something that inspires you, something you have always wanted to do, teach a class, start a business, create a web site, volunteer, start a new career, love your family, be a friend, whatever your hand finds to do; and do it with your whole heart. Focus your time, your

thoughts, everything that is in you on your task, and just do it. You can do it. Nothing is impossible if we have faith and are focused. What do you want to do? Nothing can stop you, if you want it bad enough. The important thing is not where you come from, or the size of your bank account, or your talent, but your desire and your direction. Make daily progress, keep your eye on the goal and when your opportunity lands in front of you, pounce on it.

Something to think about:

- The great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving.
- Have some of your carefully created castles been washed away? Mine have. Several times along my life's journey, I had nowhere to turn except into my heavenly Father's arms. There I remained quiet, soaking up his love for as long as I needed. Then I saw his hand begin a new creation for my life, a new direction, a new service for him and his kingdom. Waves need not always destroy. We must allow our heavenly Father to use them to redirect our lives.
- Everyone should have a goal for which he is willing to exchange a piece of his life.
- More men fail through lack of purpose than through lack of talent.
- Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal.
- We move through life in such a distracted way that we do not even take the time and rest to wonder if any of the things we think, say, or do are *worth* thinking, saying, or doing.

Keep your eyes on the prize
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