

Top Ten Ways to Create Your Own Destiny

As a professional speaker, I have presented at more than 1,500 speaking engagements throughout North America and Asia. The question I am most frequently asked by my audiences is, “How do you actually go about creating your own destiny?” My answer is simply that if you will dream, plan, and execute, you will ultimately soar in life. Easier said than done, I know. As a result, I have written this special report to provide you with more details on the personal mantra that has guided me in the pursuit of my destiny. I hope this top ten list will guide you to do the same.

10. Lead and Leverage Your Network

Share your goals with other like-minded individuals in your network. You never know who can help you to achieve your dreams. W. Clement Stone said, “If you want something bad enough, tell enough others what it is that you want and sooner or later someone or something will show up in your life and help you get it.”

9. Focus on Your Health and Nutrition

Wealth without health is not worth its weight in gold. If you are truly to achieve your destiny, you need to focus as equally on your health goals as your wealth goals. Howard Howell said, “You must either diet or die.”

8. Become an Entrepreneur (The Employer, Not the Employee)

Sooner or later, all jobs come to an end. Therefore, keep your day job while you simultaneously build your business. Your day job becomes the seed money to support your business. When you are employed working for “the Man,” you help someone else to create his or her destiny, not yours. The only way to earn your true worth is by becoming an entrepreneur.

7. Execute Your Plan Daily

Your actions equal your results, so the best way to pursue your destiny is to do something every single day for the rest of your life to pursue your goals. John Addison said, “I will do today what others won’t so I will have tomorrow what others don’t.”

6. Overcome Your Fears

Only two things in life can hold you back from your destiny: your fears and your self-limiting beliefs. David Joseph Schwartz said, “Do what you fear and your fears will disappear,” and the Reverend Dick Gregory said, “Fear and God do not occupy the same space.”

5. Build Real Wealth Through Self-Education

There is a huge difference between “book smarts” and “street smarts.” Getting a college education is extremely important, but your education should not stop after college. Jim Rohn said, “Formal education will earn you a living, but self-education will earn you a fortune!”

4. Put Family Ahead of Work

Your family is more important than the world. Family is the only stabilizing force that helps you to navigate through uncertain financial times. No one ever found himself on his deathbed wishing he had spent more time at the office away from his family.

3. Set Huge Goals

What are your most audacious, boldest goals in life? Whether you realize it or not, you have the ability to choose your destiny based on the decisions you make and the actions you take. We all have the ability to pre-determine our destination in advance simply by scripting our lives in the form of writing down our goals for how we desire our lives to be.

2. Visualize Your Dreams

Only those who can see the invisible can achieve the impossible. Belief in your vision is the key to creating your own destiny. Larry Olsen said, “First we must taste our vision, touch our vision, feel our vision, emotionalize our vision, and finally own our vision.” Once we learn to own our vision, the “how” of making it happen slowly presents itself.

1. Transform Your Passions into Your Career

Write out a list of your top five passions in life. What do you most like to do during your evenings, weekends, and vacations? Study this list to determine which one passion solves a need in the marketplace. Then transform that specific passion into your own business and you will have discovered the key to creating your own destiny. Marsha Sinetar said, “Do what you love and the money will follow.”

If you are serious about making lasting change in your life and achieving your destiny, I highly encourage you not only to apply these ten suggestions to your life, but also to pick up a copy of *Creating Your Own Destiny* (Wiley, 2010) because it is full of strategies, techniques, and ideas that are proven to assist you on your journey to taking complete control of your life.

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