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Be Creative About Your Future

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Don't think for a moment that you aren't creative. You are creating your life right now, one day at a time. So why not create the life you want? Everything you need to make your life what you want it to be already exists. What you must do is look at what you have and what's around you. Then, figure out how to rearrange things from the way they are to the way you want them to be. The only time to settle for things as they are is when what they are is exactly what you want.

Can you see where you are going? Do you have a vision set firmly in your mind of how you want your life to be? Are you making the best of where you are now, in order to get where you want to go? Do you love your job? Your relationships? Your home? Your physique? Your lifestyle? Are you truly grateful for all you do and have? Are you making the most of your talents, skills, and abilities? Are you happy with yourself? If not, you are the only one who can do anything about it. Your happiness is your responsibility. Don't blame the company where you work, your boss, your family, the city, the traffic, the weather, the car manufacturer, the oil company, or anyone else for your unhappiness.

Webster's dictionary defines happiness as, "a state of well-being and pleasurable satisfaction." For me, happiness is doing what I love to do with people I enjoy being around. Happiness is being able to use my talents, skills, and abilities to make a difference in the lives of others. We demonstrate happiness by being cheerful, joyful, optimistic, or content. The very demonstration of happiness brings more happiness. Happiness is a state of mind. You make a decision to do the things you need to do in order to make yourself happy. Abraham Lincoln once said, "**A man is about as happy as he makes up his mind to be.**"

Your success is waiting. Life is an adventure to be lived. Today is a new beginning. Imagine the exciting things you can do, the wonderful relationships you can have, the places you can go, and who you can be when you give up your fear. Choose success. It's just as easy...if not easier...than failure. Based on my experiences, I can tell you that success certainly feels the better of the two. Choose success and you'll never look back with regret. You will have more purpose, passion, and power when you decide to take total responsibility for who you are and the choices you make.

Your success is waiting for you. Create it!!!

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