

WISDOM SESSION

Persistence Pays

“Persistence is the twin sister of excellence. One is a matter of quality, the other, a matter of time.”

Regardless of the goal, a persistent effort is one of the most important ingredients for personal success. Napoleon Hill, author of *Think and Grow Rich*, studied the lives of more than 500 successful people in America and knew many of them personally. He discovered that the one indispensable ingredient common to all of them was persistence. These individuals kept trying even after repeated failures. It almost seems that great success is won only by people who overcome incredible obstacles and great discouragement.

Out of Hill’s study comes this important truth: Success is achieved and maintained by those who keep trying. In other words, persistence pays! Ability is 90 percent “stickability”!

If persistence is so rewarding, why are there so many people who become discouraged and give up?

The line between failure and success is so fine that we scarcely know when we pass it. There may often be times when we’re on the line and don’t know it. Many an individual has thrown up his or her hands at a time when a little more effort, a little more patience would have brought success. As the tide goes all the way out, so too, does it come all the way in. Sometimes, prospects may seem dimmest just when they’re on the turn. A little more persistence, a little more effort, and what seemed a hopeless failure may turn into a glorious success.

- *Think On These Things*, John Maxwell

Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. — Galatians 6:9

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David Trent believes that wisdom comes from continually seeking to learn and grow through relationships and reading, which leads to personal development. In an effort to inspire learning in others, David Trent sends out weekly Wisdom Sessions. He recommends purchasing and reading any book source used in these Wisdom Sessions.