

Your success or failure is ...
Determined by perspective



It still amazes me every day that, so far, I have been able to write and publish three books including two bestsellers. I am very quick, and the first to point out to people who want to write a book but doubt their own ability, that I am no literary genius. Grammar, spelling, reading and writing were never natural talents or strengths of mine. I just never thought about it long enough to let that stop me.

Is it ridicule, criticism or a compliment? That is up to you and me.

You may be aware that I have developed an online course to help people, just like me, to write their very own book. It is developed and designed to help people believe in themselves and to equip them with the skills & processes to get the job done. On one of the pages of my website the first sentence was grammatically incorrect ... as I am sure are many other sentences on my website (maybe time for some proof-reading!!) The sentence read, 'Who would of believed it?' when, to be grammatically correct, it should have read, 'Who would have believed it?' ... D'Oh!!

It was during the week, I received this email from a person who was obviously thinking about writing a book and came across my grammatical indiscretion:

"Who would of believed it? No thanks. I don't want lessons from someone who can't string a sentence together. Try... who would have believed it. Amazing that people with no talent actually get so far. Congratulations."

When you read this, how would you take it? Would you be hurt, angry, upset and carry it around to negatively impact the rest of your life? Or would you agree with it and take it as a massive compliment? I did ... I have always been the first to admit that I can't believe how far I have come with limited ability. I also agree that it is 'amazing' ... and for me the most amazing thing is that if someone like me, with limited ability can achieve success, then there is hope for other people. There is hope that their own success is not about their ability to 'string a sentence together' but about their willingness to get into action, make mistakes, learn from them and keep going, even in the face of potentially hurtful and discouraging comments like the one above.

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(winston churchill)

It is all about perspective

I can honestly say I was complimented by the email that was meant to hurt me and so I say 'thank you'. I also want to thank this person for their free proof-reading services and would be more than happy for them to go through the rest of my website - I am sure they will have their work cut out for them!!



Nothing can harm you except that which you let harm you and things only have the meaning that you give them. This means that no matter what happens to you or what circumstances occur in your life, you can determine whether they will hurt you, harm you and stop you or whether they will teach you, lift you, inspire you and propel you onto greater things ... this is called perspective.

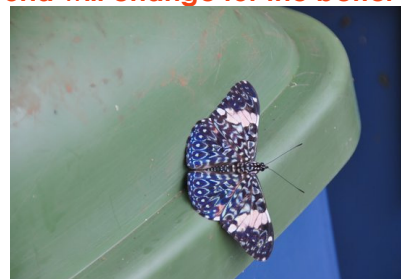
Your perspective will control your life

No matter how bad something may initially seem, everything that happens in your life can be looked at as a positive or a negative - it is the way you choose to perceive things that will determine the quality of your life. There are people you know who look at the worst of every situation – they look at why things won't work, why they can't achieve and why the world is against them. How are they living their life? Would you want their life? There are also people you know who find positives in every situation – they see possibilities, they see opportunities, they lift and encourage others. How are they living in contrast?

I actually feel very sorry for the person who wrote the email above. I am sorry that they choose to see the world from such a negative perspective and look to find fault in others. The sad thing is that they probably also find fault in themselves which will stop them from living the amazing life that is possible for them.

Develop your own positive perspective & your world will change for the better

I actually learned a lot about perspective after my article last week, 'Butterfly on a Bin'. I got quite a few people responding, each with their own perspective, which really opened my eyes to the many different and positive ways that we can look at every situation. I want to thank those people for taking the time to share and help me broaden my own perspective.



It really is simple to change your perspective ... every time something happens to you that most people would perceive as a bad thing, just ask – what is good about this? You will always find an answer and that one question, if continually applied, will change your life for the better forever.

Have an amazing and paradigm shifting week.

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