

*It may seem far away, but ...  
You are so Close!*

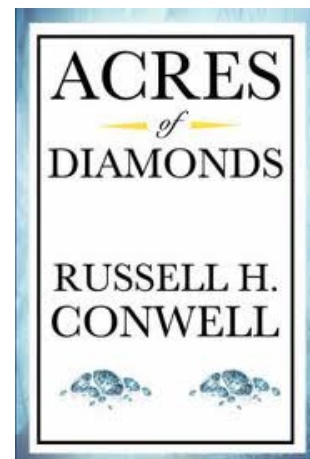


**You really are closer than you think you are! To what?? To whatever it is that you are sitting there and thinking that it is seems too hard, too far away or too out of reach. You are so so so very close ... just a decision and some simple, but consistent action away from having whatever it is in your life that you desire. I don't know what it is for you, but I do know you are close - because I am too!**

Do you ever get that feeling inside that you know there is something more for you? Do you ever sit there and wonder when things will turn your way? Do you sometimes feel something stirring inside you – something telling you that you are just so close to finding that joy and abundance that you have always wanted, yet it seems just out of reach? I know what it is like, I know the feeling and I know that there comes a time when we need to stop hoping, stand up and go out and find it. Because honestly it is so very close – just open your eyes and you will see it!

### **Acres of Diamonds**

We all have acres of diamonds in our own backyard. In the late 1800's Russell Conwell wrote the parable 'Acres of Diamonds' about the man who sold his home, left his family to travel far and wide to find his fortune in diamonds. He did not find them, he ran out of money and his health was in such decline that he threw himself into the sea. Not a very happy ending for him! The irony was that the man who bought his home and property from him discovered acres of diamonds in the backyard! It was already in his own back yard! It is already in my backyard! It is all there waiting for you in your own backyard! So what are we waiting for?



What happens in our head when we think and believe that great things, success, wellbeing, love and happiness is only for some people and not for us? Where does that thinking come from? Who started it and why do we continue to believe that voice in our head when it tells us that we can't or we don't deserve 'acres of diamonds'? You deserve it, I deserve it, we all

deserve it – but an interesting principle of life states that we don't get what we deserve, we get what we believe and what we expect!

### Just a simple shift will open the flood gates



I often look at successful people. You know ... the ones that deserve true, abundant success, and not me! I ask myself, what is different about them? From the outside nothing at all. From an education point of view ... nothing. From a family background ... nada!

From any logical comparative angle there is no reason why that person should have exponential & abundant success – that is until they open their mouth. Ahaa!! Their words are different. Their words have certainty and expectation about them. Their words do not blame nor invite self-pity. Their words are strong, positive, purposeful and leave no shred of doubt as to their intention. Surprise, surprise their words inspire action which creates their successful reality.

All of our words become reality. The problem is that most people don't love their reality, or would at least like to change aspects of their reality. Well here is it my friends ... change the words to those of success and the flood gates of success will descend upon you, me and all of us.

### Think ... then speak!

If I say I am tired, then guess what? I am tired. If I say I can't do it – then you know ... I am right! If I say I never have any luck – I never will. If someone else is always to blame then I can never control my circumstances – so I will stay where I am.

The challenge for this week is to stop and think before you speak. The words and responses that come naturally to you will keep you where you are. Say that you 'can' instead of saying that you 'can't'. Be grateful for what you have rather than complaining about what you don't have. Say 'yes' rather than saying 'no'. Think and say the good rather than the bad. If you can do this then things will start to change for you and they will change quickly.

Create the habit of positive, purposeful and powerful words and I guarantee that those things that seem so far away will appear right there in your backyard – where they have always been, just waiting for you to find them. So, what are you waiting for – go and find them!

Have an abundant week.

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