Extraordinary Tales of a Rather Ordinary Guy

Applying Common Day Maxims Lead to Uncommon Results

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“It’s not surprising that Ed Marx has written this inspirational book on how to live an extraordinary life. Having known him for more than a decade both professionally and personally, I can say Ed not only “walks the walk,” but inspires others by his mere presence.”

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CHARLES PINOT
Who I am

Serve

Shape

Study

Share
Humble Beginnings
Troubled Youth

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Early Set-Backs
Extraordinary Tales

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Average in Every Way
Risk Boldly and Often

risk (risk), n.
1. exposure to the chance of injury or loss; a hazard or dangerous chance: It’s not worth the risk.
vision (vizh'ən), n.
1. the act or power of sensing with the eyes; sight. 2. the act or power or anticipating that which will or may come to be.
Believe in Something Bigger than You

faith (fāth), n.
1. confidence or trust in a person or thing. 2. belief that is not based on proof. 3. belief in God or in the doctrines or teachings of religion.
Build a Team of Life Givers...Friends

men • tor (men’tôr), n.
1. a wise and trusted counselor or teacher. 2. an influential senior sponsor or supporter.
Build a Team of Life Givers...Marrying Well
Embrace Humility and Service

hum • ble (humˈbəl), adj.
1. not proud or arrogant; modest. 2. having a feeling of insignificance, inferiority, subservience.
Find and Fuel Passion

Passion (pashˈən), n.
1. any powerful or compelling feeling or emotion, as in love or hate. 2. a strong or extravagant fondness, enthusiasm or desire for anything.
Find and Fuel Passion
Perseverance and Resiliency

per • se • ve • rance (per’sə’ver’əns), n.
1. doggedness, steadfastness; resolute and unyielding holding on in following a course of action in spite of difficulties.
Perseverance and Resiliency
fail (fāl), v.i.
1. to fall short of success or achievement in something expected, attempted, desired or approved.
Wonderment and Continuous Learning

**learning** (lûrˈning), n.
1. knowledge acquired by systematic study in any field of scholarly application. 2. the act or process of acquiring knowledge or skill.
Wonderment and Continuous Learning
Work Your Ass Off
Volunteer and Give Until it Hurts

vol • un • teer (vol‘ən tēr), n.
1. a person who voluntarily offers himself or herself for a service or undertaking. 2. a person who performs a service willingly and without pay.
Volunteer and Give Until it Hurts
Build Strong Identity

identity (i'den'ti tē), n.
1. the state or fact of remaining the same one as under varying aspects or conditions. 2. the sense of self, providing sameness and continuity in personality.
Build Strong Identity
fitness (fit‘nis), n.
1. health. 2. capability of the body of distributing inhaled oxygen to muscle tissue during increased physical effort.
**Ex·cel·lence** (ek'sə ləns), n.
1. the fact or state of excelling; superiority, eminence: his excellence in mathematics.
Reflection & Application
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