



Monday Matters

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Prepare The Way For Success

Deer hunting season officially has kicked off in Kentucky. Ever since we moved to the farm we have constantly seen deer on and around our property. We came home the other night and there were five deer standing near the road in our field. They didn't budge. If only I had a license...and a gun with me.

We have some friends that wanted to come out to hunt deer. One day Mike set himself up near the creek and waited patiently. We heard a loud

crack of a gun going off and we thought for sure Mike had gotten his deer. When talking to him later we learned that the "crack" was from his gun. He had his sights set and shot the deer. It was getting dark, he saw it run off a bit. He went after it but couldn't find it and gave up. He was sure he hit it. A few minutes later he heard another shot that sounded like a pistol. It was determined that another hunter on the other side of the creek found the wounded deer and simply killed it with his pistol.



Mike laid the foundation by waiting for the deer and shooting it. Someone else finished it off and would reap the reward of deer



Michael W. Smith
Prepare Ye The Way
[A New Hallelujah]

Quote of the Week

"If you're still waiting for it, it means you're not yet ready for it...whatever "it" is...so stop looking at waiting as a punishment and start looking at it as preparation!"

steaks for dinner. Mike prepared the way for success for someone else.

Sixto Rodriguez was a folk singer from Detroit back in the 70's. His music never took off though he produced two albums. Unbeknownst to him, however, his work became extremely successful and influential in South Africa in the mid 70's. Some of his songs came to serve as anti-Apartheid anthems in South Africa. By now Rodriguez was living in near poverty conditions and working in manual labor jobs.

In the 90's people in South Africa wanted to find this man who, through his music, had inspired the protesters to rise up and overthrow Apartheid. Finally Rodriguez was located in Detroit where he found out about his success abroad in such places as South Africa. Rodriguez had laid a foundation for his music many years before and thought it was unsuccessful. He found that what he had done so many years before now was greater than anything he could imagine. Sixto prepared the way and eventually became successful.

It might be that you have laid a foundation for success in your workplace but someone else reaps the reward for the ultimate success like in the story about the deer hunters. Maybe there were failures after the foundation was laid but you kept trying and eventually success came or will come for you.

Possibly you work or worked in a church and never really saw the harvest (success). Attendance never seemed to increase. It appeared that lives weren't being changed no matter how hard you preached or taught in a class or counseled with people. Maybe you moved away and the efforts of your labor seemed to have been in vain. You felt like you failed those people. Or maybe after years and years of seemingly no fruit from your labor, the harvest happens. Revival happens, people finally understand what they have been taught, and lives are changed.

The key? Lay the foundation and do your best with God's help as long as you are in the position to do so. Not everybody is designed to start and also finish. There is a parable in the Bible, Matthew 7:24 - 27 that teaches us to build our house on the rock, not on sand.

Someone must lay the foundation, to put it on the rock. Someone puts together the sound business plan or grounds the church on sound teachings

from the Bible. Without that, the house, the business, the church, will come crashing down. Be a foundation builder. Don't



~ Mandy Hale ~

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worry if you take it to the next level or not. If you do, great. If you don't, someone else will. The most important part of a building is the foundation. Prepare the way to success in any efforts you undertake by laying the foundation.

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