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Are you a Quitter?

The new year is upon us. Every year millions of people set goals for the year ahead known as New Year's Resolutions. They'll dream of their goals but within weeks, sometimes days, and even within hours those dreams are smashed to pieces. People just quit. Whatever your dreams, whatever your goals for this new year, don't be a quitter.



I'm reminded of Wayne, a man that I met many years ago when I joined a group called Toastmasters. It is an organization that operates clubs worldwide for the purpose of helping members improve their communication, public speaking and leadership skills. Wayne was one of the first people I met at the club in Paradise Valley, Arizona. He was about 30 years of age. I learned that Wayne had been a successful engineer until the day he was involved in an automobile accident. The accident left Wayne with broken bones throughout his body including many in his face as well as internal injuries. With the help of numerous surgeries he was now able to drive in his specially designed handicap vehicle. But there were still more surgeries in the future with little hope that all his physical problems would be solved.

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I Have a Dream
sung by Connie Talbot

Quote of the Week

"So I run straight toward the goal in order to win the prize, which is God's call through Christ Jesus to the life above."

~Philippians 3:14~

The accident also affected a portion of Wayne's brain and it left him without the ability to speak or even know how to speak. He could not form words; he was like a baby, needing to learn how to talk all over again. Otherwise his brain functioned fine.

Wayne had a dream that he would be able to speak again like any other person. It was a slow process but he worked hard and wouldn't give up. A couple of years after the accident he joined Toastmasters. By now he had developed a fairly large vocabulary but he had a very hard time pronouncing the words so people could understand him. With each speech he gave there was noticeable improvement. But Wayne never gave up. He had a dream. He was going to fulfill that dream. He had learned to talk again and now his new goal, his new dream was to enunciate words clearly. Wayne was not a quitter. By his persistency in trying to reach his goals, he became an inspiration for everyone else in the club.

I came across a poem some while back that can help each of us to achieve our dreams, our goals, just like Wayne. The author is unknown but should be an inspiration for each of us. Below you will find a portion of that poem.

Don't Quit

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest, if you must, but don't you quit.

Success is failure turned inside out--
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far,
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit--
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

Start off this new year with your dreams and goals set. No matter what happens over the next hours, days or months, don't stop dreaming and reach for your goals in your personal life, your church, your business. And above all, **Don't Quit.**



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