

THINK *and* GROW RICH

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Here are money-making secrets that can change your life. Inspired by Andrew Carnegie's magic formula for success, this book will teach you the secrets that will bring you a fortune. It will show you not only what to do but how to do it. Once you learn and apply the simple, basic techniques revealed here, you will have mastered the secret of true and lasting success. And you may have whatever you want in life.

Think and Grow Rich: The Practical Steps to Transforming Your Desires Into Riches is a 1937 motivational personal development and self-help book by Napoleon Hill and inspired by a suggestion from Scottish-American businessman Andrew Carnegie. The book was first published during the Great Depression. At the time of Hill's death in 1970, Think and Grow Rich had sold more than 20 million copies and by 2011 over 70 million copies had been sold worldwide. It remains the biggest seller of Napoleon Hill's books. BusinessWeek Magazine's Best-Seller List ranked it the sixth best-selling paperback business book 70 years after it was published.

A common weakness is our tendency to measure others by our own limitations and ability.

Gather and leverage resources in your favor, outsourcing.

No matter what it may be, you just need to know what you want. Even if all you want is to find what you want next. If you're looking for anyone to solve this one particular piece of the puzzle for you, I'm afraid you're missing entirely the joy of life in having no choice but to choose for yourself a fate, destiny, and purpose in the face of fractal and purposeless points between nothing and something in its many forms. Your true desire always lies in knowing what you want.

If you still don't know what you want from life, just for now be grateful for knowing your path: the search for your desire. Curiosity, experience, experiments, and everything around you are your tools, chisels, brushes, lenses, and measurements for your senses to bring that magical, if fleeting, moment when you find and feel your purpose through every inch of electrified skin rising in waves of bumps and needles of energy.

You will find it easy, not hard, to do.

The desires we wish to bring to life must be specific and clear, with integrated adaptability, and backed by willing service and sacrifice.

Your safety nets are made of restraints. Holding on to sources of retreat only serves to vividly imply our lack of faith.

A wish will not bring your desires to life, but a true desire with a definite and actionable plan, and driven by obsessive attention along with persistence that does not recognize failure will bring to life your intent and purpose.

The 6 Steps of Thought/Desire Transmutation:

1. Be specific about what you want, in what amount.
2. Decide what you will give in return for your desired outcome.
3. Establish a definite date by which you will have made progress toward your desire.
4. Create a plan that will move you forward, toward your desire, and begin to take action immediately, even and especially if you are not ready.
5. Write down and describe: what you desire, what you will give in exchange for it, your time limit for getting it, and your specific plan for moving toward that success.
6. Read your statement twice daily, using the principle of neuroplasticity to see and feel yourself already in possession of your desired outcome.

Leaders are readers and dreamers, playmates of imagination. Familiarize yourself with possibility and simulation.

Your true work begins when you understand what you want to achieve, the result you desire, and what you are willing to do and endure to get it.

If you do not see great riches in your imagination, you will never see them before your eyes.

Success requires no apologies and failure accepts no alibi. If the thing you wish to do is right, do it, and remember every failure brings the seed of an equal opportunity.

Strange are the ways of life, as we undergo struggles and trials before discovering our own brains and the capacity to create useful ideas through imagination.

Consider Hope, Faith, Courage, and Tolerance.

There is a difference between wishing and being ready to receive. No one is ready for a thing until they believe they can acquire it. The state of mind must be belief, which requires an open mind and is greater than hope or wish. Closed minds do not inspire faith, courage, and belief.

No more effort is required to demand abundance and prosperity, than is required to accept misery and poverty.

The whole course of things goes to teach us faith. We need only obey. - Emerson

It occurred to the mind that it might be of help to the other millions of similarly affected others who go through life without the discovery of that which has proven most beneficial. There and then it decided to devote the remainder of life to rendering helpful service to those who would truly benefit from that shared knowledge.

Faith is a state of mind that may be induced, or created, by affirmation or repeated instructions to the subconscious mind through the principle of auto-suggestion. You may convince the unconscious mind that you believe you will receive that which you ask for. Your unconscious will act upon that belief by returning to you Faith and definite plans for getting what you desire.

A thought grow in emotion into faith like a seed in earth into a tree.

Any idea, plan, or purpose may be implanted in the mind with repetition of thought; this is why the writing of a definite major purpose is used, commit it to memory, repeat it in audible words every day, until you reach your unconscious.

Know that you have the ability to achieve your desire, and demand of yourself relentless and persistent continuous action towards its attainment. Understand the balance of thoughts and that the dominant thoughts you have will eventually reproduce themselves in outward physical actions and circumstance. Spend 30 minutes contemplating your desire to create a clear mental picture. Develop self confidence through understanding and preparation. Commit your desire to writing and do not stop growing until you are fit to obtain it. No wealth or position may last unless built on truth and justice. Engage in no transaction that does not benefit all that it affects. Succeed through attracting the forces of your choosing and the cooperations of others. Induce others to serve through your own willingness to serve. Eliminate hatred, envy, jealousy, selfishness, and cynicism, by learning to love all of humanity in its spectrum. Others will believe in you because you believe in them and yourself. Write, Read, and Repeat this obligation daily to develop self confidence and success.

Thinking (Poem) by Walter Wintle

Visualization is powerfully used to project forward in time to see the success and give gratitude as though it has already come to pass. When you can concentrate and clearly hold the vision, work backwards in increments to see the path revealed to that future and visualize the service that was given in exchange for the desire's acquisition.

Be on the lookout for the plans that may come in flashes of inspiration, and put them into action immediately.

Know what you want. Record your desire and determine time and sacrifice. Refine, visualize, and stay open and alert for plans, flashes of inspiration, synchronicity.

Knowledge is potential power. Knowledge will not attract money unless it is organized, and intelligently directed through plans put into action toward a definite outcome/intent.

Free resources are often undervalued or ignored. An investment in a pursuit of personal interest ensures longevity of effect and impact of a resource.

Specialized knowledge plus imagination will open paths to massive success. Don't fall victim to the curse of knowledge and fail to realize the leverage you have in experience and special skills/knowledge.

Both success and failure are outputs of habit and imagination.

Synthetic Imagination rearranges existing ideas, imagery, and concepts into a new amalgam. The Creative Imagination is the realm of inspirations, intuition, and gifts from the muse.

Master salesmen know ideas can be sold where merchandise cannot. Ordinary salesmen do not know this, and this makes them ordinary.

After a defeat, you can quit or learn.

Causes of failure: No well defined life purpose. No self discipline. Lacking education. Ill health through overeating, poor thought habits, lack of exercise, improper breathing. Procrastination. Poor persistence and followthrough. Intentional dishonesty. Egotism and vanity.

Yearly analysis should disclose fewer faults and greater virtue.

Decision is the mastery of procrastination. Lack of decision is the leading cause of failure. Another great folly lies in allowing outside opinions to move you toward changing your decision. If you are influenced by the opinions of others, you will have no desire left of your own. Opinions are truly like assholes. They do the individual much good and are due appreciation for their self service, but rarely has any good come about from looking into someone else's. Take counsel only from your mastermind group of those who will be in complete symphony and harmony with your purpose.

You have your own mind and thoughts to use. If you need information or resources from others to enable a decision, acquire them without disclosing your purpose.

Never do too much talking and not enough listening. Talking leaves room for little else.

The value of decisions lies in the courage required to render them. Great decision assume great risk.

Make a decision to overcome your own oppressors. ~When in the course of human events it is necessary for one to dissolve the bands which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of Nature, and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation..~

Persistence develops from clear purpose and intent, self-reliance, definite plans (even weak or impractical encourage persistence), accurate knowledge, and habit.

Beware of the fear of criticism which will lead you to fail to plan and act in fear of what others will think.

Purpose, plan, action, persistence, focus, and mastermind for synergy.

Power is organized and intelligently directed knowledge.

The MasterMind is the coordination of knowledge and effort, in a spirit of harmony, between two or more people, for the attainment of a definite purpose. Economic advantage may be created by anyone who surrounds themselves with the advice, counsel, and personal cooperation of a group willing to lend wholehearted aid, in a spirit of perfect harmony. No two minds come together without creating a third, invisible, intangible force like a third mind.

The human responds especially to certain stimuli that move us into the state of enthusiasm, creative imagination, and intense desire. We respond most to: The desire for sexual expression, love, a burning desire to experience and grow, music, friendship, a purposed mastermind alliance, mutual suffering, fear, and influenced suggestion.

Creative Imagination is our Sixth Sense. Focus on the known and allow the unknowns to be filled with intuition and inspiration.

Build your counsel of mentors, voices of the past.

Indecision fuels doubt, which gives in to fear. Fear of poverty, criticism, ill health, loss of love, old age, and death.