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Managing your drive

*The Strangest Secret* by Earl Nightingale is a short talk about setting goals for yourself, and about how most people don’t achieve greatness because they are not actively thinking about and perusing their goals in life. He mainly focuses on a couple key steps one can take to get on the road to success, thinking about your goal and acting to pursue that goal. As far as the core message of this video goes, I completely agree with the thought of “If you think about it, it will happen”. I have some personal experience with this specific change in my own life. Two years ago I watched a made by a man called “SmoothMcGroove” that talks about this exact concept of giving yourself a goal to think about and actively pursue. Ever since watching that video I have had the quote “*Any idea seriously entertained tends to bring about the realization of itself*” written on a piece of paper up on my wall, which I have often looked to when ever I feel lost in my own artistic pursuits. If you compare the life of someone who often “fails” and does not often get what they want out of life to someone who is greatly successful and generally happy with how their life has and is going.

Nightingale’s segment on the difference between successful people and non-successful people is the most agreeable thing I heard from him. Everything he had to say about how successful people are involved in their goals and actively think about what they want to achieve was inspiring and nothing if not necessary advice for life. However one thing I wish he had touched on which I also think is extremely important is how to properly manage your drive for your work. Specifically I wish he had talked about burn out and how to avoid getting too caught up in your work. Way too many times have I seen