

Switching from what you don't like to do to what you do like to do is like putting a five-hundred-horsepower motor in a ten-year-old car.

All of us have desires. All of us dream of what we really want to do. But few of us actually surrender to desire. Instead of surrendering to desire, we murder it. Five weapons are used to commit success suicide. Destroy them. They're dangerous.

1. *Self-depreciation.* You have heard dozens of people say, "I would like to be a doctor (or an executive or a commercial artist or in business for myself) but I can't do it." "I lack brains." "I'd fail if I tried." "I lack the education and/or experience." Many young folks destroy desire with the old negative self-depreciation.
2. *"Security-itis."* Persons who say, "I've got security where I am" use the security weapons to murder their dreams.
3. *Competition.* "The field is already overcrowded," "People in that field are standing on top of each other" are remarks which kill desire fast.
4. *Parental dictation.* I've heard hundreds of young people explain their career choice with "I'd really like to prepare for something else, but my parents want me to do this so I must." Most parents, I believe, do not intentionally dictate to their children what they must do. What all intelligent parents want is to see their children live successfully. If the young person will patiently explain why he or she prefers a different career, and if the parent will listen, there will be