

In Chapter Three, titled "The Choice of Mindset," we delve into the pivotal moments where we must make decisions about our future. These decisions shape the trajectory of our lives. In the past, many people from our community dreamed of immigrating to the United States, seeking better opportunities than what Korea could offer. Despite lacking connections, their fate was often determined by who greeted them at the airport. For some, it was a job in grocery shop, and they eventually became grocery shop owners themselves.

Our lives are incredibly valuable, and it's crucial to carefully consider our wishes and desires for the future. Each of us hopes for a brighter future, one that surpasses our current circumstances. But how do we ensure that our future turns out the way we envision it? It often depends on the people we encounter along the way. If we aspire to happiness, it's essential to ourselves with good, supportive individuals who can positively influence our journey. Today, let's take a moment to reflect on a story about the power of words and actions. Once, a young man found himself stranded beside his broken-down car on the side of the road. Despite his efforts, he couldn't get to start. After some time, an elderly man stopped by and offered to help. The young man was skeptical but allowed him to take a look.

In just five minutes, the elderly man managed to fix the car, much to the young man's surprise. When asked how he did it, the elderly man shared a story from his past. He revealed that he was fortunate one who had designed and built the car. He recounted how, when he was young, his mother went into labor, and he rushed to fetch the doctor.

efforts, both his mother and sibling passed away during the overwhelmed with grief and regret, wishing he had arrived sooner to save them.

story illustrates the profound impact of words and actions. Despite his own tragedy, he went on to design cars that would touch the lives of countless

Others. It reminds us that our experiences and hardships can shape us if) Unexpected ways, and sometimes, the greatest triumphs emerge from our deepest sorrows.

Through these stories, we see the transformative power of adversity and Persistence. r, despite enduring the loss of his mother and sibling, was driven by a relentless pursuit to find something faster than a horse. This determination led him to invent the car, ultimately becoming the founder of renowned company.

Similarly, the boy who found a \$5 bill on the street unknowingly set his destiny in motion. His joy and habit of constantly scanning the ground led him to a career as a street cleaner. While this job may not seem prestigious to some, it was his diligence and attention to detail that paved the way for his future.

These stories remind us that life's challenges and chance encounters can shape; our paths in unexpected ways. It's not always about the initial setback or; fortunate find, but rather the resilience and choices we make along the way that define our journey.

Through these stories, we can discern that our thoughts and perceptions greatly influence our future. What we focus on and the words we speak shape the trajectory of our lives. In Numbers 14:28, God ernphasizes the importance: Of our words, stating that he will act according to what we declare. If we claim poverty, we may find ourselves in impoverished circumstances, but if we affirm abundance, we may experience richness.

A fascinating experiment illustrates this point. A person spoke positively to one bowl of rice and negatively to another for a week. The rice that receivea positive words formed a white mold, while the one subjected to words developed black mold. This demonstrates that even non-living things can respond to the energy of our words. Moreover, studies have shown that forced laughter can have positive effects on mood and heart health. Simply byn .44 speaking positively, we can uplift our spirits and improve our outlook on life.' Happiness and unhappiness are deternrined by the choices we make and the

we speak. Yes, you are familiar with the story of Thomas Edison, the renowned inventor who invented the light bulb among many other [Edison indeed faced challenges during his childhood, including being expelled from school due to a letter that labeled him as intellectually disabled.

However, Edison's mother chose to interpret the situation differently. Instead of accepting the negative label placed upon her son, she saw potential in him.

She transformed the message of the letter into one of empowerment, telling Edison that he was a genius and that the school was too small to accommodate his brilliance.

This shift in perspective had a profound impact on Edison. Despite the setback of being expelled from school, he continued to pursue his interests and eventually became one of the most prolific inventors in history. His inventions, including the light bulb, revolutionized the world and brought about significant advancements in technology.

Edison's story teaches us the importance of mindset and resilience in the face of adversity. By choosing to see challenges as opportunities and believing in our own abilities, we can overcome obstacles and achieve greatness. Edison's mother's belief in him played a crucial role in his success, highlighting the power of positive reinforcement and encouragement in shaping our destinies.

Thomas Edison's story is a powerful example of how the words and beliefs we hold about ourselves can shape our destiny. Despite facing challenges and setbacks, Edison's mother chose to see the potential in her son and instilled in him a belief in his own genius. If she had accepted the negative label placed upon him by the school, Edison might have resigned himself to a life of despair and limitation. However, his mother's unwavering belief in his abilities transformed his outlook and empowered him to achieve greatness.

Even after her passing, Edison discovered the letter from the school that labeled him as intellectually disabled. However, instead of dwelling on the label,

negative message, he understood the truth behind his mother's words — he was capable of greatness despite any perceived limitations.

Thomas Edison went on to become one of the most influential inventors in history, with over a thousand patents to his name. His inventions, including the light bulb, phonograph, and motion picture camera, have had a profound* impact on the world and continue to shape modern society.

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