TAKE 100%

RESPONSIBILITY FOR

YOUR LIFE

You must take personal responsibility. You cannot

Change the circumstances, the seasons, or the wind,

but you can change yourself.

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One of the most pervasive myths in the American culture today is that we are entitled to a great entitled to a great life—that somehow,somewhere,someone (certainly not us)is responsible for filling our lives with continual happiness, exciting career options, nurturing family time, and blissful personal relationships simply because we exist.

But the real truth—and the one lesson this whole book is based on –is that there is only one person responsible for the quality of the life you live.

That person is you.

If you want to be successful, you have to take 100% responsibility for everything that you experience in your life. This includes the level of your achievements, the results your produce, the quality of the relationships, the state of your health physical fitness, your income, your debts, your feelings –everything!

This is not easy.

In fact, most of us have been conditioned to blame something outside of ourselves for the parts of our lives we don’t like. We blame our parents, our bosses, our friends, our astrological chart, our lack of money—anyone or anything we can pin the blame on. We never want to look at where the real problem is—ourselves.

There is a wonderful story told about a man who is out walking one night and comes upon another man down on his knees looking for something under street lamp.The passerby inquiries as to what the other man are looking for.He answers that he is looking for his lost key. The passerby offers to help and gets down on his knees and helps him search for the key. After an hour of fruitless searching, he says, “We’ve looked everywhere for it and we haven’t found it. Are you sure that you lost it here?”

The other man replies,”No, lost it in my house, but there is more light out here under the street lamp.”

It is time to stop looking outside yourself for the answers to why you haven’t created the life and results you want, for it is you who creates the quality of the life you lead and the result you produce.

You—no one else!

To achieve major success in life—to achieve those things that are most important to you—you must assume 100% responsibility for your life.

Nothing less will do.

100% RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVERYTHING

As I mentioned in the introduction, when I was only one year out of graduate school, I had the good fortune to work for W.Clement stone. He was a self-made multimillionaire worth $600 million at the time. Stone was also America’s premier success guru. He was the publishers of success magazine, author of the success Magazine, author of the success system that never fails, and coauthor with Napoleon Hill of success through a Positive Mental Attitude.

When I was completing my first week’s orientation, Mr.Stone asked me if I took 100% responsibility of my life.

“I think so, “I responded.

“I this is a yes or no question, young man. You either do or you don’t.”

“Well, I guess I’m not sure.”

“Have you ever blamed anyone for any circumstance in your life? Have you ever complained about anything?”

“Uh . . . yeah . . . I guess I have.”

“Don’t guess I’m not sure.”

“Yes, I have,”

“Okay, then. That means you don’t take one hundred responsibilities for your life. Taking 100% responsibility means you acknowledge that you create everything that happens to you. It means you understand that you are the cause of all of your experiences. If you want to be really successful, and I know you do, then you will have to give up blaming and complaining and take total responsibility for your life— that means all your results, both your success. It is only by acknowledging that you have created everything up until now you can take charge of creating the future you want.

“You see, Jack, if you realize that you have created your current conditions, and then you can’t create and re-create them at will. Do you understand that?”

“Yes, sir, I do.”

“Are you willing to take one hundred percent responsibility for your life?”

“Yes, sir, I am!”

And I did.