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SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE

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CHAPTER 1

MINUTES

Someone once said, “*It takes 20 years to build a reputation; it takes 5 minutes to ruin it.*”

It doesn’t take very long to inspire a boy to rise to something greater.

Don’t ruin it.

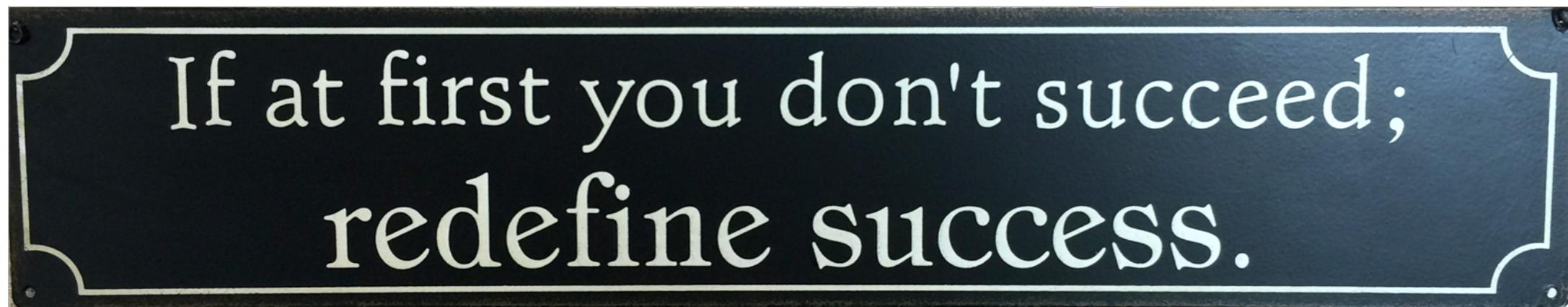
Take a minute to plant a seed, then give it time and watch it grow.



SUCCESS

If at first you don't succeed...

A quote that hangs on my wall at work states the following:



(If at first you don't succeed; redefine success.)

When you fail at something, are you really failing? Is your standard of success too strict or simply unrealistic?

A FABLE

Early to bed, early to rise

The forest where Proudfoot and Dawntreader lived was a beautiful glen, rich with the bounty the earth could provide. Each morning, while the moon still shone, Dawntreader would leave the bed in search of wild strawberries and lush grass. The young saplings, saturated from a long night's drink from the springs deep under ground, were supple and their rich bark gave Dawntreader many of the things a young buck needed to grow strong before winter. Most of all, Dawntreader went in search of the Dawn Bud, which grew by the cool dew pools, and only opened just before the light of dawn, yielding up their sweet, supple petals to the diligent seeker.

Though Dawntreader knew all of these treasures of the glen well, Proudfoot thought they were either mere story or not worth the early morning arousal. For Proudfoot believed that a young buck needed rest, so that (when the paring time

came) he would never be found tired and weak. Putting full stock in his way of life, Proudfoot lay in his bed until the warmth of the sun signaled a new day. Dawntreader had often invited Proudfoot to join him by the moonlight, and to come enjoy the delicious water of the dew pools and to feast on the dawn bud. However, Proudfoot shook his growing crown of antlers in protest. "You weaken yourself, rising so early. When the time comes, I will be glad I saved my strength for the pairing, not searching for a mere flower."

So, Dawntreader drank from the nearby dew pools, and as they had dried by the morning sun, Proudfoot walked to the spring-fed stream over the ridge on which the glen lay. The pairing time drew near, and both Dawntreader and Proudfoot shed the velvet from their battle-ready crowns. Though each grew their fourth year tines, the bark Dawntreader had enjoyed all those months had given him a crown to match the saplings he loved, thick and strong.

On the day of the first pairing, Dawntreader arose early as usual, drinking from the pool and feasting on buds and berries, while Proudfoot slept in the glen, dreaming of the battles to come. At the first rays of warm sunlight, Dawntreader had already arrived at the pairing field, and Proudfoot, awakened by the sun, crested the hill to drink before the testing competitions of the day. At the stream, however, as Proudfoot drank, he soon knew he would not win a battle, nor be paired with a strong doe, for Thomassi, the hunter, had followed Proudfoot to the stream and his

swift arrow was quick to pierce Proudfoot's side. Having watched through those many months, Thomassi knew Proudfoot drank daily from that stream and had been waiting until Proudfoot's crown was ready and worthy of any hunter's trophy room.

Far away in the glen, Dawntreader knew nothing of this, though he surely would learn when he returned with his doe to the protective shade that night.

Moral: Those who rise early reap wisdom and treasure.
Those who sleep late may in so doing seal their ill fate.

CHARACTER

What do you want to be known for?

Many men have done many great things. However, more often than not, selective memory and the history books publish relatively more than one notable act from that man's life.

Benjamin Franklin

- Invented bifocals
- Printer
- Helped to start Philadelphia's Fire Department
- First US Ambassador to France
- Known for: Flying a kite in a lightning storm.

Albert Einstein

- Instrumental in the U.S. developing Atomic Bombs

- Passionate member of NAACP & anti-racism
- Developed a refrigerator
- Critical of capitalism, in favor of socialism
- Known for: $E=mc^2$

Abraham Lincoln

- Talented wrestler in his youth
- Married into a slave-owning family
- Self-taught lawyer
- Known for: Gettysburg Address ("Four score and seven years ago...")

Dave Thomas

- Worked with Col. Sanders and responsible for much of KFC's successful innovations
- Freemason
- Enlisted in the Army
- Highschool dropout
- Known for: Wendy's restaurants

Each of these individuals could have stopped at any one of these points, and perhaps they would have wished to be known for one more than another.

You have your whole life ahead of you...

**What do you want to be
known for?**

CHAPTER 2

QUOTES

“Beautiful minds inspire others”

--anon



QUOTES

Lord Robert Baden-Powell

“Success in training the boy depends largely on the Scoutmaster’s own personal example”

“We never fail when we try to do our duty, we always fail when we neglect to do it.”

“A boy carries out suggestions more wholeheartedly when he understands their aim.”

“See things from the boy’s point of view”

“Loyalty is a feature in a boy’s character that inspires boundless hope.”

“Show me a poorly uniformed boy, and I’ll show you a poorly uniformed leader.”

“Train Scouts to do a job, then let them do it.”

“Never do anything a boy can do.”

“The most worthwhile thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others.”

“If you make listening and observation your occupation, you will gain much more than you can by talk.”

“Wake up! Get busy! You have only one life-day to live, so make the best of every minute of it.”

“An invaluable step in character training is to put responsibility on the individual.”

Tom Peters

“Leaders don’t create followers, they create more leaders.”

Albert Einstein

“Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value”

Anonymous

“Beautiful minds inspire others”