

## Prepared Speeches

### #1 I Will Grow Each Day

I will grow each day.

I have unlimited potential. I must not deviate from my purpose. I must take advantage of the many opportunities for growth.

I will seek steady growth. My potential is unlimited. It is said that we use only a small portion of our mental ability. We do not know how high we can climb. However, I must not expect to reach the mountain top overnight. It is a difficult, challenging, dangerous and time consuming climb to reach the top. I will be patient. I will persist. I will succeed.

I will grow each day.

I will know myself. I will know my strengths and my weaknesses. I will determine what is needed to ensure my healthy growth. I will be warmed by the sunlight of those who can help me to grow by sharing their knowledge and experience. The cool and refreshing rain of experience will cleanse my soul and cause me to grow tall and straight.

I will grow each day.

I will not allow a day to end until I have partaken of food or water that will enhance my growth. I will not be satisfied just to survive. A mind that does not grow will wither and decay. I must not only use what I have, but I must make sure I continue to grow. I cannot be satisfied to be the same today as I was in the yesterdays of my life. I cannot tread water forever. If I tread water too long without moving in a positive direction, I will tire and slip below the waters and die.

I will grow each day. I will never stop growing. I will grow each day.

#2 I Will Begin Now

What good are goals if I never begin the journey to accomplish them? Why should I dream and not make my dreams reality? Why should I plan when I do not put my plan into action?

I will begin now.

My goals may be commendable, but I must begin the journey or they are without meaning. My goals must be transferred into action now.

I will begin now.

I must train myself to begin immediately regardless of the task or the size of the goal. A race which is run today cannot be won tomorrow.

When I am tempted to put off my journey until tomorrow, I will repeat the words: "I will begin now." Tomorrows are reserved for failures. Success will not visit tomorrow. Success begins now.

I will begin now.

I will not put off my journey to success. I must not allow my fears or emotions to stop me from starting my journey. I must begin now if I am to succeed.

I will set goals today. I will begin now. Even though my journey may end in failures, it is better to have acted and failed than to never try at all. Success does not wait. The sweetness of success is sufficient reward to those who begin their journey now.

For me, I will begin now. I will succeed.

### #3 I Will Be A People Builder

The world is full of people who are only interested in themselves. Every moment of the day they are seeking ways to accomplish their own goals. They become so intense about their race to success, they compete rather than do their best. If they do not understand the true purpose of competition, they try and win at all costs. They know the only way they can win is for all others to lose. They become so intent on winning that they try and destroy those around them. They raise themselves above the crowd by pushing others down. They devote so much energy to defeating and destroying others, they discover too late their own death and decay.

I will be a people builder.

I will help others to accomplish their goals. I will share my knowledge and my experiences with those who are interested. I will help others believe they are important. When others see I am interested in them, they will feel good about themselves, because they know I care for them. As people begin feeling good about themselves, they will begin their journey to success. I will give others confidence in themselves and what they can accomplish. I will devote whatever energies are necessary to help others accomplish their goals. I will never tire in serving others.

I will be a people builder.

I will be a great leader only if I am a people builder. I will view leadership as a process of building those for whom I serve. I will view leadership as a service not a status. I will not consider myself as the ultimate authority. I will involve others in what is being decided or to determine what course of action should be taken.

I will be a people builder.

I realize, however, that if I help build other people, I will accomplish my goals. It is said that “you can have everything in life you want if you help enough other people get what they want.” It is a simple and profound truth that only a few have mastered. I will master this truth and will become a great leader. I will view leadership as service not status. I will help others succeed.

I will be a people builder. I will accomplish my goals. I will succeed. I will be a great leader if I become a people builder.

#### #4 I Will Persist Until I Accomplish My Goals

Once I have set my goals, I will not be blocked from accomplishing them. I will reach my goals and succeed. The journey to success is fraught with obstacles and detours. Robbers will stop me along the way and try to steal my joys, my enthusiasm, my faith, my love. My spirit will not be broken; my physical stamina will not be destroyed.

I will never waiver in my desire to reach my destiny, to accomplish my goals, to succeed. I will not be distracted by failure or roadblocks. I know what I want, and I will commit my every moment to accomplishing it. I will expect to accomplish it if I continue my journey.

I will persist until I accomplish my goals.

My persistence will ensure my success. I know that success will be enjoyed by those who keep on keeping on. I also know that failures are inevitable. I cannot succeed without failures. Every failure brings me closer to success. After each storm I know I will see the rainbow of hope and rays of sunshine.

I will be patient as I pursue my goals. I will take my steps one at a time. Greatness does not happen overnight. Greatness is only possible after the first step is taken. The first step leads to the second and the second to the third. Small steps will lead to greatness. Even though I may only move forward an inch at a time, I will succeed if I persist.

I must not lay my head down until I enjoy a success. When I begin the next day, I will recall my success from the day before. I will gain the advantage for the new day since I begin with the memory of success.

I will persist until I accomplish my goals. I will win because I will persist until I succeed.

I will persist. I will accomplish my goals.

#5 Today I Will Give My Best

Today I will give my best.

My days are numbered as are the sands of an hourglass. I must not waste a moment. I will not belabor my past, because my today is too precious. I cannot change what was, but I can insure my tomorrows. Yesterday is a closed book that I will not open lest I lose my today.

My tomorrows may never come. I cannot dwell on the tomorrows of my life. I must bury my tomorrows and my yesterdays and give my best today.

My life is limited. I may not even see tomorrow. I must not waste today. If I waste today I may be wasting the last chapter of my life.

Today I will give my best.

Today I will tell those I love how much they mean to me. Today I will call my friends and tell them how much I appreciate their support and loyalty.

I must consider myself fortunate today. I have been given this day to give my best. I must excel. I must take advantage of every opportunity. I must run and not be slowed by my tiring. I must cherish every second.

Today I will give my best. And, if I am rewarded and allowed another day, I shall give my thanks.

And once again, I will make my last day my best. Throughout my life, my todays will allow me to give my best.

## #6 Today I Begin A New Life

Today I will no longer wear the cloak of failure that has caused me to suffer too long. No longer will I settle for mediocrity either as a person or as a leader.

Today I will celebrate my birth because in this place there are opportunities to develop and to become the person and the leader I want to be.

Today I will begin listening to those whose wisdom is greater than mine. I will seek out those who have had experiences I have not had, and I will listen.

Today I will taste the fruits of those who can give guidance to me, and I will plant seeds from their wisdom within me until it is time for new life to sprout.

My desire to become a great leader is surrounded by opportunities, yet it is plagued with challenges. No longer will my desire be rewarded with failure and mediocrity. No longer will I fail. In the past I accepted failure as a part of life. Today, I reject failure. No longer will I consider myself a failure. No longer will I allow others to call me a failure and listen to them. I can and I will succeed.

Although I have not the knowledge or experience to achieve greatness, I can study the journeys of others and the principles that made them great.

What is success? Success is defined by me, not by others. Therefore, success may be described in many ways, because there are many people. Failure, however, can only be described in one way. Failure is my inability to set a goal and to work to achieve the goal. Those who fail are not those who entered the race and did not place first. The real failures are those who feared they would lose and did not enter the race. Failures are those who never seek to set a goal. Failures are those who are unwilling to commit themselves to the race because they fear they will lose. That is failure and I reject failure.

Today I will rid myself of bad habits. I no longer will be ruled by my impulses. I will not surrender my freedom to the past or to those around me. I will not allow bad habits like greed, prejudice, fear, envy, jealousy, hate and negative thinking to rule me.

I will begin each day refreshed and excited about the opportunities available to me. Even though I must seek success in a negative world, I will be a more positive and enthusiastic person.

Today I will begin a new life. Today I become a new person.

Hear me, old skeptics and thoughtless friends of mine. I will grow daily. I will not accept failure. I am destined to succeed.

Today the cloak of failure and mediocrity is removed, and I know I can enjoy success and become a leader.

Today I begin a new life.