

Whack, whack – attack those obstacles.

“If you have an important point to make, don’t try to be subtle or clever. Use a pile driver. Hit the point once. Then come back and hit it again. Then hit it a third time a tremendous whack.”

- Winston Churchill

If you’ve read many of my writings, you know I’m impressed with Churchill. He fought against great odds, and won. He fought the Germans, and won. He fought depression and won. Sure – once he lost an election; but he came back to win again!

In the above quote, Churchill was no doubt referring to giving a talk or winning an argument – but for the purposes of our discussion today, we’re going to apply it to winning at life’s challenges.

It’s a sad reality that in dealing with the problems of our lives, most of us never really address them – we don’t take them head-on – rather we pussyfoot around them and occasionally make a little attempt at solving them.

How do I know this? Let’s just say that I’ve done a bit of pussyfooting in my life.

In almost every person’s life, there are one or two big obstacles to greatness – and if the person were to address those obstacles, solve whatever problems remain, and then put the obstacles behind them, greatness would quickly loom ahead.

Those obstacles can stand in the way on our path to greatness – and yet greatness is where we belong.

So, to paraphrase Churchill, if you’ve got a problem to solve, address it openly. Don’t try to be subtle. Your problem is like a boulder in your path. [Metaphorically speaking of course], take out your hammer and hit it, -- once, twice, more if you need to -- and then give it a tremendous whack! Get rid of the obstacle. Address it head on. Don’t just wander around the obstacle. Get rid of it, or find a way around it.

On your road to life’s bounty, greatness lies inevitably just around the corner from the obstacles that temporarily prevent us from gaining it.

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