

Faith and the “Sure Thing”

“The person who gets the farthest is generally the one who is willing to do and dare. The sure-thing boat never gets far from shore.” -- Dale Carnegie

I suspect most of us would be glad to have a “sure thing” – something that was guaranteed to succeed, each and every time, without fail, without risk.

Well, so far, I haven’t found such a thing – everything I know of (and everyone I know of) fails occasionally. Sometimes the errors are large, sometimes they are small – but sooner or later, there will be an error of one type or another.

So this little quotation from the esteemed Dale Carnegie, author of the famous “How to Win Friends and Influence People,” is particularly interesting – it shows that in order to win, we have to take risks.

Think of this in the simplest terms – except in of inheritances, I can’t think of a person who achieved major success by never taking a risk – can you?

Many of the biggest companies we now admire were once struggling to stay afloat. Some of the greatest leaders we know and follow were once faced terrible hardships. I imagine you know someone in your own circle of friends and family who has achieved success, but who was once on the other side of the equation.

When it comes down to it, it all comes out to faith – faith in your product, faith in your abilities, and faith in yourself. You have to believe you can succeed – or you never will.

So risk a little, try a little, and have a little bit of faith in yourself. Take a few chances now and again. Choose the opportunity – don’t wait around for the “sure thing” to come along.

In fact, the only “sure thing” here is that unless you push yourself into the challenge, you’re surely never going to succeed.

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