

Monday with Mikey: January 2, 2017

Welcome to 2017!

As I have mentioned in “MWM” before, I’m not really big on New Year’s resolutions – but I do believe in the ability of words to inspire. Although it may seem a bit cliché, I have always thought the following quote – which is usually attributed to Calvin Coolidge, and with which I have taken one piece of literary license – sums up my beliefs about one’s accountability to use one’s gifts.

Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence.

- **Talent** will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful persons with talent.
- **Genius** will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb.
- **Education** will not; the world is full of educated derelicts.
- **Persistence** and **determination** alone are **omnipotent**.
- The slogan “**Press On!**” has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race.

As we “make the turn” to the second half of Rotary Year 2016-17, let’s all strive to:

- **Listen** rather than just waiting for our turn to talk.
- **Talk** less and **say** more.
- **See**, not color nor gender nor religion, but the **Spark of Divine Light** within everyone with whom we interact – every day.
- Follow the “**HALT**” system of not making major decisions when we’re:
 - Hungry,
 - Angry,
 - Lonesome, or
 - Tired
- Seek to **SHINE** by practicing good habits of:
 - Sleep,
 - Hydration,
 - Inspiration,
 - Nutrition, and
 - Exercise
- And finally make “**Service Above Self**” our standard of excellence.

PRESS ON!

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