

HOW SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE THINK

CHANGE YOUR THINKING,
CHANGE YOUR LIFE

John C. Maxwell

FEEL THE ENERGY OF POSSIBILITY THINKING

How Can You Unleash Your Enthusiasm and Hope, in order to Find Solutions for Even Seemingly Impossible Situations?

- Unsuccessful people allow circumstances to limit them.
- Successful people see possibilities everywhere.

Many People Are Limited By a Lack of “Mental Reach.”

An influential book: Robert Schuller’s *Move Ahead With Possibility Thinking*

Robert Schuller’s question: “What would you attempt if you knew you wouldn’t fail?”

John Maxwell’s question: “What would you attempt if you knew you *would* fail, but knew you would learn from your failure and find possibilities for growth?”

Every miracle begins with a problem.

Possibility Thinking Begins with Developing a Positive Life-Stance

1. Life is filled with good and bad.
2. Some of the good and bad I can’t control — it’s life.
3. Some of the good and bad will find me.
4. If I have a positive life-stance the good and bad will become better.
5. If I have a negative life-stance the good and bad will become worse.
6. Therefore, I choose a positive life-stance.

Attitude Is the Difference-Maker, But...

- Attitude doesn’t make a difference when everything is going well.
- Attitude makes a *huge* difference when everything is going wrong.

Possibility thinking builds with positive energy

The Four P's of Energy

1. **Possibility thinking:** The _____ that allows the energy to build.

The elevator principle.

2. **Passion:** The _____ that puts energy to work.

What are you passionate about?

3. **Praise:** The _____ that keeps energy going.

Encouragement is the oxygen of the soul.

4. **Progress:** The _____ that shows your positive thinking is paying off.

Growth is happiness.

Man often becomes what he believes himself to be. If I keep on saying to myself that I cannot do a certain thing, it is possible that I may end by really becoming incapable of doing it. On the contrary, if I have the belief that I can do it, I shall surely acquire the capacity to do it even if I may not have it at the beginning.

– Mahatma Gandhi

Possibility thinking continues with pursuing opportunities.

If we did all the things we are really capable of doing, we would literally astound ourselves.

– Thomas Edison

The opportunities we receive in life depend more upon possibility thinking than on any other single factor.

A possibility thought can lead to a possibility action, which can lead to a possibility return.

