

Siyaphambili Motivational Organization

# NOMAKANJANI

## Special points of interest:

- The difference between ordinary and extra-ordinary is that little extra.
- Your attitude determines your altitude.
- Winners never quit and quitters never win.
- Be a prisoner of hope
- Just remember, you can do anything you set your mind to, but it takes action, perseverance, and facing your fears.

## NEVER GIVE UP

The road to success is not going to be an easy one. Every person that you know who has reached some kind of success will tell you that it was not a smooth ride. He or she probably ran into problems along the way, some problems came all at the same time and he/she was tempted to throw in the towel but never did. The common thing amongst these people is, they never give up, they always keep their hopes high, and they also believe it's not over until it is over. When they fall, they are ready to stand up and try again. They focus everything on getting to their destination. During this time of exams and after, don't lose sight of where you are going even with obstacles in your way.

I want to share a story with you about a person who just never gave up. Mrs. Phukwane had two kids to put through to school and at the same time she was studying to get her degree. Year after year she kept failing a history course. Every time her kids would be looking forward to her passing but, then another disappointment. It was tough those days, especially because her friends were passing. She never lost any focus towards her destination, she

put every effort all the way until she finished the exams. And when things didn't go her way, she always believed maybe this is not my year, but next year it will be okay. I've learned that from her, even today when things don't go my way. It probably is not my year. Later in the years when she passed that course everything was a smooth sailing that point on. She got her degree, and then another diploma, and more things started coming together. Today, she helps other students and teachers get to their destinations. Can you imagine if she had given up. Where would she be today. We all have someone in our family or a relative like that. They just don't give up no matter how tough things get. Learn from them, and never give up!

While in school, there was one mistake we always did with our friends and today I don't do it anymore. We used to tell ourselves never get your hopes up, all because we were afraid of disappointment. The truth is disappointments will come whether your hopes are up or not. But with high hopes you are not likely to give up easily.

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## TIP OF THE MONTH

Develop an attitude, of never giving up, of always finishing what you started, of treating the last second of the game with the same enthusiasm and commitment you gave to the first second of the game. Develop an attitude, of determination, of perseverance, no matter what. William James, said "The greatest discovery of any generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitude" You were meant to be successful!!

## NEVER GIVE UP. Continued .....

Another mistake we used to make is that we would leave the exam room before the time reserved i.e. 3 hrs. Today I learned that it only takes one extra correct mark to get to a higher symbol. To get from a "F" to an "E" you may just need that one mark, or to get from a "C" to "B" you may need just one mark. Fight for that 1 extra mark, never leave the exam room until the teacher says time is up. No matter how difficult questions are. If you have to guess, it's better than not writing anything down. Your brain is like a wardrobe. During the year you keep throwing things in the wardrobe, your socks, your t-shirt etc. When it comes time to find them, if you did not pack them nicely it will be difficult to get to them. But if you just keep looking you will find them. Same thing with your brain –

those socks are the answers. During the year you were taught all this but you just forgot where you put it. Search your brain and write as much as you can remember. If there's still time, go back and check if you cannot add more.

Joel Osteen, a pastor from Houston, USA said "Be a prisoner of hope". Stay hopeful all the time. Even in the worst of circumstances remain hopeful. If you are pursuing a dream or goal never quit, that's what separates you from the rest. Napoleon Hill said quitter never wins and winner never quits.



Obstacles will look large or small to you according to whether you are large or small.

***"NOMAKANJANI, I will pass Matric"***

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## Your problems are small

One afternoon I was listening to Ron Heagy give a speech. He rolled in to the stage in his wheelchair. He was not pushing it with his hands, he was blowing air with his mouth into a tube to get the wheelchair to move. He is paralyzed from the neck all the way down. As he rolled in, he was making jokes about how most people are paralyzed from the inside and he is paralyzed from the outside and, he then told his amazing story.

Afterwards, I went and bought a book he wrote. Someone working for him handed me the book, they asked if I wanted him to sign it, and who to make it out to. I said yes, to my wife. He had a pen in his mouth and I opened the page for him to sign. He signed the page and wrote my wife's name and then put a happy face next to it. After reading his book "Never Give Up" where he talks about the accident and more and more problems after that. All my problems became smaller and smaller and I was even ashamed to call them problems. Ron although quadriplegic from the age 18, he is independent and successful. He moved out of his parents house – determined to live independently, got married, earned a Bachelors Degree and then a Masters degree afterwards – writing with his mouth. He has created exceptional paintings with his mouth. Even with so many problems, surgeries, rejections, where one would have very little hope of success – he just kept on going. He has achieved so much, more that most people can achieve. No matter how big you think your problems are, firstly, you will never want to swap them with anyone's, and secondly, there's always someone out there with more problems than you.

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### **About: Siyaphambili and Nomakanjani:**

*Siyaphambili is the name of the organization formed by South Africans who live either in South Africa or United States of America. They studied in your school or a school just like yours. They believe most students have the potential to reach bigger dreams. Nomakanjani is the name of the news letter meaning "No matter what!" This was taken from a USA based business organization that teaches people that they will reach their dreams as soon as they make "no matter what" decisions.*