

# **Agitate Your Achievements**

**LAW 8: Always make your confidence greater than your comfort.** — The Laws of Lifetime Growth by Dan Sullivan and Catherine Nomura

"Many successful people start off life as dreamers and risk takers, but the moment they become successful, they begin to seek greater security and comfort over everything else. This attitude puts them to sleep motivationally, and they lose the confidence that made them so successful. Security and comfort are desirable by-products of goal achievement, but when they become the goal itself, they quickly stop lifetime growth. Treat any increase of comfort in your life as only a temporary stage for establishing bigger goals. Continually strive for higher goals and achievements, and your confidence will always be greater than your comfort." — The Laws of Lifetime Growth by Dan Sullivan and Catherine Nomura

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. —James 1:2-3

"Confidence is the ability to transform fear into focused thinking and action."

#### How to Build Your Confidence: S-T-R-I-V-E

## Start Small

Too often we want to be seen as brilliant from the start. The first and most important step is to try a new challenge that requires something from you. Each time you succeed, you build both competence and confidence.

### Take Risks

"If the Creator had a purpose in equipping us with a neck, He surely meant us to stick it out."

—Arthur Koestler

"Risk must be evaluated, not by the fear it generates in you or the probability of your success, but by the value of the goal." —John Maxwell

"Don't let the fear of striking out hold you back."
—Babe Ruth

#### Reap from Failure

"Failure is the opportunity to begin again more intelligently." —Henry Ford

Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. —2 Corinthians 12:8-10

"In God's economy, nothing is wasted. Through failure, we learn a lesson in humility which is probably needed, painful though it is." —Bill Wilson

### Improvise When Necessary

Life isn't lived by formulas and rituals; life is governed by purposes and principles. If we are not careful, we will lose our desire and our dream for growth. Confidence grows as we break the routine and regain the joy and challenge of something new.

# Value Input

"We are born helpless. As soon as we are fully conscious, we discover loneliness. We need others physically, emotionally, intellectually; we need them if we are to know anything, even ourselves."

—C.S. Lewis

Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.

—Proverbs 11:14

# **Embrace Tomorrow, Today**

"Where there is no faith in the future, there is no power in the present."

