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Time Is a Great Teacher

Time is one of the few things in this world that we get free of any charge. But even if we had all the money in the world, we couldn't buy even an extra hour. If we imagine that there is a bank that credits into our account each morning with 86,400 dollars. However, the said account carries over no balance from day to day. The bank, actually, deletes whatever balance we failed to use during the day every evening. What would we do? We would definitely be motivated to draw out every 'cent', of course from the account to use the same to our benefit. In fact, each of us has such a 'bank'. Its name is time. Each morning, it credits us with 86,400 seconds.

Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this we have failed to invest into good purposes. It carries over no balance. It allows us no overdraft. Each day, it opens a new account for us. Each night, it burns the remains of the day. If we fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is ours. There is no going back. There is no drawing against the 'tomorrow'. We must live in the present on today's deposits. So what is required in our best interest is to invest the same so as to get the utmost from it for our health, happiness and success. The clock is said to be ticking away and we must make the most of it today itself.

So, we have a great, priceless treasure. Every morning we are handed twenty-four golden hours. Now, it is all up to us as to what do we do with this treasure of ours. Whether we allow it to remain idle or work on it to create more treasures to make our life beautiful is something that only we have to take a decision about? What will we do with this priceless treasure? While one person gets only a week's value out of a year, another person gets a full year's value out of a week just because of his or her effort. So all we need to do is to take care of our minutes, and hours would take care of themselves.

We need to learn to value each and every moment of the time available to us. We can know the value of a year if we ask the student who failed a grade. If we want to realise the value of a month, we need to ask the mother who gave birth to a premature baby. We if want to realise the value of one week, we must ask the editor of a weekly newspaper. If we wish to realise the value of one hour, we must ask the lovers who are waiting to meet. If we wish to realise the value of one minute, we must ask a person who missed the train. If we desire to realise the value

of one second, we can find about the same by asking a person who just avoided an accident. And if wish to realise the value of one millisecond, we simply need to ask the person who lost a gold medal by the whisker of a millisecond in the Olympics. So, we need to learn to value our time and use the same judiciously. If we don't respect our time, then time shall not respect us.

Time is a great teacher, but unfortunately it is said to kill all its pupils. Therefore, instead of becoming wiser after a failure, after a lapse of good deal of time, we should always value the time at hand rather than regretting the waste of the same in hindsight. We should always remember that we have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Louis Pasteur, Michael Angelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo De Vinci, Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein. We should, therefore, never ever get into the habit of saying that we do not have enough time. After all as someone rightly said, it is never too late to become what we might have been or have always desired to become.

So, we need to cherish and treasure every moment that we have. We should always remember that time and tide wait for none. Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a 'gift'. That is why it is called the 'present'. Be it noted that all of us come to this earth for a short sojourn and have a finite stay here. So, we should ensure that we make the maximum of our transient presence on this earth.

We should never forget that time is the most valuable thing on this earth and nothing is comparable or replaceable with it. Once we lose the time at hand, we are never going to get it back. Time keeps on moving ahead in a forward direction. If we don't catch up with it, we shall be left far behind. As they say everything in this world happens in time, nothing happens before or beyond time. Not only that, most of things have their scheduled or appointed time. We cannot push it beyond the allowable limit. So, if we miss to do the correct thing at the correct time, we may lose a big opportunity in our life.

So we need to prepare well in time to strike when the iron is hot. We should not give ourselves an opportunity to regret later after we have lost a big opportunity because of our non-appreciation of the importance of time in our life. We should remember that everything in life requires time to get done. If we don't have time, we actually have nothing. Loss of time is rightly considered to be the worst thing on this earth because by wasting time, we are actually wasting ourselves by missing to play our appointed positive roles on the world stage for which we have been sent to this world. We should find a positive purpose and harness the available time constructively to make our life more meaningful on this earth.

Salient Points

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