

What do you do? How is your job going?

A pastor once said that he could get any man involved in conversation by asking those questions. It shows how much we feel defined by what we do.

I am a fairly random person so I know that to achieve on a regular basis I need routine. I know I need to allocate time in the morning to spend in God's Word or doing physical exercise if it's going to happen.

An internal factor is our personality. Understanding who we are and what makes us tick can help us to succeed in areas that are important to us. Our outlook on life - the glass half full or half empty – changes how we perceive our life.

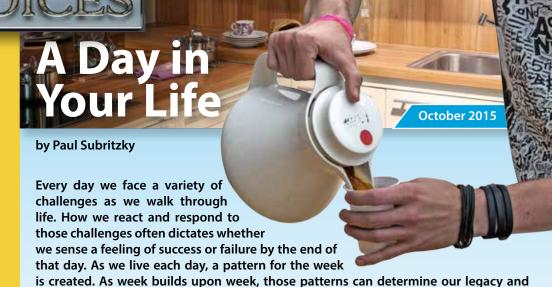
find external influences Some the hardest to cope with. Conflict resolution and dealing with wounds inflicted by those who are close to us is essential to good emotional health. Repentance and forgiveness are keys to a happy life. I have got pretty good at apologising over the years. I'm working now on causing less offence in the first place!

As sons of God we do have influence and a responsibility to represent our Father well.

Be of good courage

John Subritzky





It is therefore crucial that we are well prepared for our walk through the day and focused on overcoming the challenges that we face successfully. How do we do this?

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Prioritise time with God

The seeds of our daily success are sown by starting day our

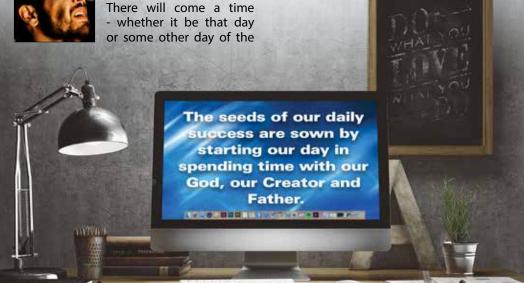
spending time with our all-powerful and unchanging God, our Creator and Father. I have found that time set aside spent with God gives me wisdom beyond my natural ability, and allows me to work decisively - effectively breaking through procrastination and giving me insights that I would not otherwise possess.



Dealing with wounds

week, month or year - that we will have words spoken to us or written about us that will hurt us, causing wounds. How we deal with those words will determine what long-term damage we allow to come upon ourselves. Some of these words will be true. If so, we need to receive them, accept them and grow as a result of them.

Some words spoken or written will be untrue. Hurt people hurt people! Assess the person and the situation and see if you can help them grow through the pain of their past that has caused them to make the comments they have. Remember, worse things have been said and done to the prophets and leaders of the Old Testament and the disciples in the New Testament and indeed to Jesus Himself. Look at how He responded as an example of how we should respond.





Look after your physical body

Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Choose wisely and carefully the right type and

quantity of food that will enable your

body to be fit and strong for the purpose that it was created. Men often neglect regular medical check-ups. No matter how inconvenient, how embarrassing these check-ups may be, you owe it to yourself and your family. Put this on your schedule.

Build a regular routine of exercise into your day for your body. When it comes to flexibility or muscle, the old adage of "use it or lose it" applies. This will not only enable you to live longer but to enjoy life more.

Also build adequate rest and recreation into your weekly schedule to ensure the recovery necessary for peak growth and performance on a sustained basis. That's why the seventh day was designed as a day to honour and worship God and to rest. The body was not designed to be used at maximum 100% of the time.



Manage your time wisely

The end of the day may be your only opportunity to spend quality time with your wife and family. When my children were young I would always drive home from work, have dinner with them, put them to bed and then return to work to complete any remaining tasks. It was an absolute priority for me and remains so today. As

you have heard it said, very few men on their deathbed wished they had spent more time in the office.



Handling conflict

Finally, in your life you will be faced with conflict of one type or another. Learn how to handle conflict in a way that blesses others rather than causes damage to others. It is imperative that we don't deal with conflict in anger. The way we handle anger reflects the maturity of our Christian growth. This is the ultimate opportunity

to show the love of Christ as an action, not simply a noun.

Our model and example will then be something which others want to follow, starting with our family members, who know us best, then others who we come into contact with and influence.

My desire as I finish walking through life is to hear the words, "Well done good and faithful servant; enter into the rest of the Lord".

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