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**Seventh Decision for Success**

**I Will Persist Without Exception**

- The final piece of the puzzle**
  - Hold fast to your dreams
  - Do not be distracted
  - Stay the course
  - Do not quit
- Choose to persist without exception**
- Doubts**
  - Or believe your doubts
  - Do not doubt your beliefs
  - Have faith in your future
  - ONLY LOOK FORWARD
  - Do not look left or right
- Average people**
  - I am Not average
  - I compare myself to my potential
  - Compare themselves to average people
  - Stop at the first hurdle
- Faith**
  - Become a person of great faith
  - In your ideas
  - Conviction
  - Faith in your dreams
  - Believe in a future that you cannot see
  - Reason can only go so far
  - Faith has no limits
  - Claim a faith in the certainty of your future

Angel Gabriel  
I presume in Heaven!  
Based on

**First Decision for Success**

**The Buck Stops Here**

- Accept responsibility for your past**
- Do not blame**
  - Spouse
  - Parents
  - Upbringing
  - Employers
- Look forward**
  - Do not let your history control your destiny
  - Do not dwell on problems of the past
- I am where I am today**
  - Because of decisions I have made
  - Governed by MY thinking
  - I control my thoughts
  - I control my emotions

Based on  
 President Harry Truman  
 War Summit  
 Potsdam, Germany  
 Decision to drop Atomic Bomb

**Sixth Decision for Success**

**I Will Greet This Day With a Forgiving Spirit**

- Forgiveness**
  - Only has value when given away
  - Releases demons of the past
  - Dissipates anger and resentment
  - No longer consumed by unproductive thoughts
  - Forgive those who do not ask for forgiveness
  - Grant forgiveness
- Yourself**
  - Often the greatest enemy is yourself
  - History does not control your destiny
  - Yesterday was just that, yesterday
  - Tomorrow is a new day
  - Forgive yourself

President Abraham Lincoln  
 Gettysburg address  
 Based on

**Second Decision for Success**

**I Will Seek Wisdom**

- Wisdom waits to be gathered**
  - You need to seek it out
  - Not with materials that feed doubt and fear
  - But with books and recording that bring about positive change
- Grow your mind**
- Friends**
  - Chose with care
  - You inherit traits from your friends
  - Also Peer Groups
  - and bad habits
  - Share opinions
  - Associate with people who you admire
  - Learn the good habits
- The Wise**
  - Gain knowledge and listen to wise men
  - Decisions made can be made better with wisdom from wise men

Based on  
King Solomon

**Fifth Decision for Success**

**Today, I Will Choose to be Happy**

- Happiness**
  - Seeds of depression cannot take root in a happy heart
  - Become a happy person
  - Understand the concept of happiness
  - Greet each day with laughter
  - Make the choice
  - Is a choice
  - Brings about a chemical reaction in your body
  - People are drawn by laughter
  - Greet each day with laughter
- Smile**
  - Be known for your smile
  - Let yours become your calling card
  - Let your smile precede you
  - Always smile first
  - Use it constantly
  - Smile at every person you meet

Anne Frank  
 In German occupied Amsterdam  
 Based on

**Third Decision for Success**

**I am a Person of Action**

- You can do nothing about the past**
- Your future is immediate**
  - Grasp it with both hands and carry it with running feet
- When faced with the choice of doing something or doing nothing**
  - ALWAYS choose to ACT
  - Seize the moment
  - Choose now
- Become a person of action**
  - Laziness is a sin
- Failure**
  - Exists only for the person who quits
  - I am not a quitter

Based on  
 Colonel Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain  
 American Civil War

**Fourth Decision for Success**

**I Have a Decided Heart**

- Thoughts and Actions**
  - A journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step
  - Take your first step today
  - The power to control direction belongs to me
  - Always work in a forward motion
  - For growth and change
  - Look at them as an opportunity
  - Make the decision with your heart
- Dreams**
  - Have your dreams
  - Think about them on a day
  - Dream about them on at night
  - Never apologize for them
  - Never had a dream come true
  - A person without a dream
- Procrastination**
  - Or you will put it off tomorrow as well
  - Do not put off what can be done today
  - Problems become smaller when you confront them

Christopher Columbus  
 On his Journey to the new lands  
 To discover America  
 Based on