

ON TRACK TO GREATNESS

**A Student's Guide to Authentic Growth,
Success and Achievement**

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GOOD or GREAT

“What will you be?”

**“Everyone has inside of him
a piece of good news.
The good news is that you don't know
how great you can be!
How much you can love!
What you can accomplish!
And what your potential is!”**

Anne Frank

What is the difference between being good and being great? Have you ever considered this question? Is your high school, college, or professional experience going to be defined by you being good at what you do, or is your objective to be one of the best? Are

you okay with mediocrity, or is your heart yearning for GREATNESS? Simply based on the fact that you opened this book, I am convinced that you want to be better than good, and that you possess an authentic desire to be GREAT at what you do.

Greatness is neither fame nor fortune. Although the Great Ones often will attain these things, *things* are not the aim of their pursuits. The Great Ones will influence and gain the respect of their friends and enemies. Nevertheless, Greatness is not false power that enables you to tell others what to do. Greatness is not the perception or belief that you are better than anyone else; however, the Great Ones will find that they live better lives, because they live with purpose, passion, vision, effort, and without regrets.

GREATNESS, by definition, is the quality of being distinguished or eminent.

Great vision provides hope in times of despair. Great minds redirect the lives of all humanity. Great men and women change the course of history and are remembered for it. True greatness produces a legacy that lives long beyond the time spent on this planet. The legacy of the Great Ones is etched in the hearts and minds of humanity, providing a light for others to follow. The pursuit of greatness will result in academic achievement, character development, emotional stability and professional success. But it will not be limited to this.

The pursuit of greatness allows you to live a better life, enjoy healthier relationships, and help others to do the same. The Great Ones are a special and unique group who realize that they have a purpose and a fire that drives them to action when others are resting. They march to the beat of a different

drummer and are not afraid to march alone. They make things happen instead of watch them happen. The Great Ones are those who understand that our world should be a better place when they leave than it was when they arrived. They have the courage to nudge, push, and shake that giant that lives within. They challenge themselves to do more than they have ever done, so they can become more than they ever imagined.

Since you opened this book, let us assume three things are true:

- 1. You have a desire to be Great and you want to know how to get on track to Greatness.***
- 2. You do not think being average is the best you can be. You know you can do better.***
- 3. You recognize that your life was designed with a purpose. You want to fulfill that purpose and begin a pursuit of Greatness.***

Achieving Greatness is the result of a deep understanding of five areas of life: your identity, your goals, your education, your relationships, and your civic responsibility. The purpose of this handbook is to help you develop a clearer understanding of these five areas. As you read this book you will begin to think about how you are approaching your life and your pursuit of Greatness. Hopefully, you WILL read this book again and again to be reminded of what Greatness requires and your desire to achieve it.

Now that you understand why this book is in your hands, begin reading and applying its concepts. As a result, you will be empowered to become all you were created to be, and boldly begin to live your life “On Track To GREATNESS!”