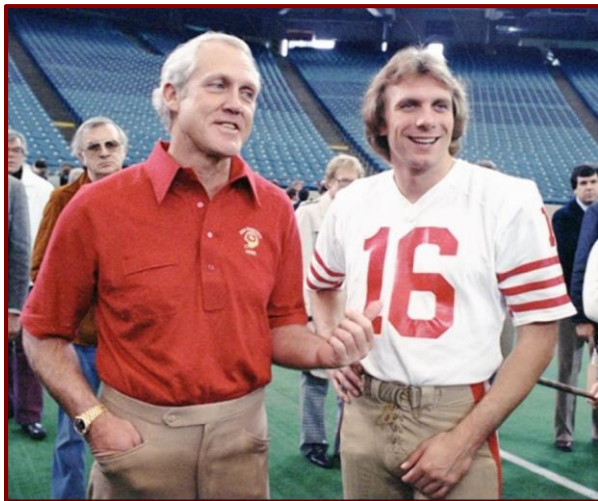


Bloom Where You Are Planted

Rare are the people who begin their careers as stars.

And those who do sometimes find that their success is like that of some child actors: After a brief flash in the pan, they are never able to recapture the attention they got early on.

Most people go through an apprenticeship or period of seasoning. For example, take quarterback Joe Montana, who was inducted into the National Football League Hall of Fame in 2000.



After winning a college national championship at Notre Dame, Montana started his NFL career in 1979 with San Francisco, where he played for the next 14 seasons. Traded before the 1993 season, he spent his final two years in the league with the Kansas City Chiefs. While a member of the 49ers, Montana started and won four Super Bowls and was the first player ever to be named Super Bowl Most Valuable Player three times.

Despite his obvious abilities, however, Montana spent two years on the bench as a backup before being named the starter for San Francisco. And as he was breaking records and leading his team to Super Bowls, the person who sat on the bench as a backup to him was Steve Young, another great quarterback.

“Some talented team members are recognized early for their great potential and are groomed to succeed,” said John C. Maxwell, author and internationally recognized expert on leadership development. “Others labor in obscurity for years – learning, growing and gaining experience. Then after a decade of hard work, they become ‘overnight successes.’”

It’s exciting to watch career development in Life Care and Century Park. Given the right encouragement, training and opportunities, nearly anyone with desire has the potential to emerge as an impact player.

The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent (Exodus 33:11 NIV).

– Beecher Hunter