

## From Prison to Riches

After his parents were brutally murdered in North Vietnam, Ri moved to South Vietnam. While there, Ri went to school and eventually became a building contractor.

He prospered greatly until he was arrested while on a trip north. After being imprisoned in North Vietnam for three years, he finally escaped and made his way south, only to be charged as a spy for the north.

When he learned that the United States was pulling out of South Vietnam, Ri gave all his worldly possessions in exchange for passage on a small, overcrowded fishing boat. He was later picked up on the high seas by an American ship and taken to the Philippines. Once there, he lived in a refugee camp for two years, until he was allowed to come to the United States.

Once he arrived in the U.S., Ri's cousin offered both him and his wife jobs in his tailor shop. Even though their net pay was only \$300 a week, they were determined to succeed. For two years, they lived in the back room of the tailor shop and took sponge baths so they could save every penny possible.



Within two years, they had saved \$30,000 and bought out the cousin's business. It was only then that they rented an apartment.

Ri subsequently became a millionaire. Hard work and frugal living can bring a dream into reality.

A leader isn't leading if he's not moving forward.

Ri's experience proves that even amidst adversity – in his case, numerous incidents of setbacks – that determination, a will to win, can bring success.

As I heard someone say once: "The way to get to the top is to get off your bottom."

*The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing; but the soul of the diligent shall be made rich (Proverbs 13:4).*

– Beecher Hunter