

Goals of Phyllis Diller

Phyllis Diller, the famous comedienne, has her own formula for success. She believes she can accomplish anything she sets out to do.

“Life is a do-it-yourself kit,” she laughs. “Believing in yourself completely is imperative.”



She didn't always think that way. Before her public life began, she was a housewife with five children and a \$50-a-week part-time job. Then she read a book that emphasized the importance of positive thinking, of believing you can do something. Gradually, she turned her negative thoughts about her abilities into positive ones. It took two years to complete the process.

Diller started by setting goals for herself. Her first one was to write a funny book. She accomplished that goal, then wrote two more and set out to become a performing comic. She volunteered to perform for charities, gradually steeling up her courage to go on stage. After four years of hard work and dedication to improving herself, her name was made in show business.

But Diller didn't stop there. She had studied music and always wanted to become a concert pianist. Once again, she set her goals and has appeared as guest soloist with many of the country's leading symphony orchestras.

“Once I made up my mind,” she says, “it was merely a matter of setting goals and reaching them. I started with a little acorn that grew into an oak.”

What about you? What are your goals? And what talents do you have that need developing to help you reach those objectives?

Walter Elliott, American Roman Catholic priest and missionary, observed:
Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after another.

– Beecher Hunter