

# Requisite for Success

“What do you think,” Thomas Edison was once asked, “is the first requisite for success in your field or any other?”

The great inventor replied, “The ability to apply your physical and mental energies to one problem incessantly, without growing weary.”

In the workplace, many people run into problems in one project, so they spurn Edison’s wisdom and set the project aside and turn to another. They exercise expedience. Determination, conversely, is the quality that enables a person to resolve, “I’m confident this is the right direction. I’m going to make it work.”

Determination is the choice to press ahead, no matter what obstacles appear.



There is always a way. The appearance of obstacles should not be a surprise to any of us. Remember, the very laws of nature warn us that “for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.” Any movement will meet with some measure of friction.

So, you should expect obstacles and resistance, but don’t let them stop you from accomplishing what you know

needs to be done. Determination is the power to climb over obstacles.

An accomplished mountain climber was once asked, “How did you ever conquer that huge peak?”

“By putting one foot ahead of the other,” he replied.

– Beecher Hunter