

The Texan and His Pool

Author and motivational speaker Zig Ziglar tells the story of a “very rich, good old Texan,” who threw a big Texas bash for his daughter. He was so rich that he had thousands of acres of land, thousands of cattle, hundreds of oil-producing wells, a large, 29-room mansion with a swimming pool, and a beautiful young daughter.

For this party, he invited all the eligible young men of the county to meet his daughter. After the party had been going on for some time, he called everyone out to the pool for an announcement. He lined all the young men at one end of the Olympic-sized pool, which he had filled with snakes and alligators, and said, “The first one of you who jumps into the pool and swims to the other end, I will give him the choice of \$1 million, a thousand acres of prime land, or the hand of my daughter in marriage.”

No sooner were the words out of the rancher’s mouth when there was a splash at the far end and a streak through the water. A young man emerged, setting what must have equaled Michael Phelps’ Olympic record.



The Texan approached the young man and asked if he wanted the million dollars. The young man said, “No, sir.” Then he was questioned if he wanted the thousand acres. Again, the young man said, “No, sir.”

“Well, then, son,” said the Texan, “you must want the hand of my lovely daughter in marriage?”

“Thank you, but no, sir,” replied the young man.

“Okay, then, just what is it that you do want?” inquired the Texan.

“What I want, sir, is to know the name of the dude who pushed me into the pool!”

We chuckle at the story, but what is your motivation?

Perhaps it is not money or property or even the idea of marriage to someone the world would consider a great catch.

How do you want your life defined, and what does success mean to you?

There is a longing deep within us, begging to be fulfilled. It springs from God’s creative design and His plan for each of us.

– Beecher Hunter