

## Time for a Dream

Do you have a goal in life, a dream that you wish to fulfill, but somehow the time doesn't seem right to pursue it? Are you guilty of saying – or hearing others proclaim – “I'll do it tomorrow, or maybe next year.”

Sometimes, people put off doing today what they know or want to do because they don't think they have sufficient knowledge or can perform well enough. The truth is, there is no “magic age” at which excellence emerges or quality surfaces or a vision is realized. Consider:

- Thomas Jefferson was 33 when he drafted the Declaration of Independence.
- Benjamin Franklin was 26 when he wrote *Poor Richard's Almanac*.
- Charles Dickens was 24 when he began his *Pickwick Papers*, and 25 when he wrote *Oliver Twist*.
- Isaac Newton was 24 when he formulated the law of gravitation.

But lest you think that invention and creativity belong to the young, just read on:

- Emmanuel Kant wrote his finest philosophical works at age 74.
- Verdi at 80 produced *Falstaff*, and at 85, *Ave Maria*.
- Goethe was 80 when he completed *Faust*.
- Tennyson was 80 when he wrote *Crossing the Bar*.
- Michelangelo completed his greatest work at 87.
- At 90, Justice Holmes was still writing Supreme Court opinions.

The lesson? Seize the day! Redeem the “now” moments of your life. The moment you wait for may never arrive. The moment once past will never return.

Time is more valuable than money because time is irreplaceable.

--Beecher Hunter