

Up and Out Early

An author who came to be very well known for his work lived to the age of 80. He arose at 4 a.m. and dictated an average of 20,000 words a day. His books are read by kings and rulers as well as by the everyday man. His name was Erle Stanley Gardner, the creator of the Perry Mason mysteries.

What was so unusual about Gardner? He loved to work.

Another man who loved to work was J.C. Penney, founder of the national chain of department stores that bear his name. He died at the age of 96.

Both of these men rose early, worked hard, put in long hours, were happy in their chosen careers – and enjoyed success and a long life. They were what the writer of Proverbs describes as “diligent in ... business.”

A lesson is to be learned from these two individuals. To be a success, a person must desire success and work expecting success. If this is true, then here is the way to spell the word *success*: W-O-R-K. That’s right, there is really no shortcut to success.

Being diligent in business gives the right testimony before the world – about our commitment to our chosen careers in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, and about our personal relationship with God, Who expects us to perform at our best.

Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings. Proverbs 22:29

--Beecher Hunter