

Want It Bad Enough

What price are you willing to pay for achievement of your dream? Most anything good or worthwhile requires a substantial investment of time or effort.

Gerald Webb, Life Care's integrity services vice president, issued a challenge during the Life Care Journey meeting concluded last week. It was in the form of a poem (author unknown) he has lived by for years. Here it is:

*If you want something bad enough,
Then go out and fight for it,
Work day and night for it,
Give up your time, your peace, your sleep for it.
If all that you dream or scheme is about it,
And if life seems useless or worthless without it,
And if you would gladly plan for it, fret for it
And lose all your terror of the opposition for it,
And simply go after the thing that you want,
With all your courage, strength and tenacity,
Faith, hope, confidence and stern pertinacity,
If neither poverty, famish or gault, sickness or strain of body and brain
Can keep you away from the thing that you want,
And if dogged and grim you besiege and beset it,
Then with the help of God you will get it.*

"This poem helped me through some very difficult and dark days while we were struggling to make it through law school," Webb said. "You may not have all of your wants, but God faithfully provides all your needs. Although God does not need to prove anything to me, He constantly provides me with tangible proof of His love for me. His grace and His mercy saw me through, and I hope to use everything that He has given me to serve others. I hope the words of this poem, sent to me over eight years ago, will inspire someone to fight and work hard for whatever they may want in this life."

It is good advice, indeed. I trust this poem, and Webb's words, encourage you today in pursuit of something you desire.

--Beecher Hunter