

PRISONERS OF HOPE



Surely, one of the saddest experiences in life is to hear someone say, "If I could talk, run, jump, sing, dance, think or play like so and so," and the voice trails off into silence. The message is "If I just had someone else's ability, what wouldn't I do?" The answer is you would not do one thing with someone else's ability if you are not using the ability you already have. You're kidding yourself, and that's not even being honest. If you're not careful, you will become one of the "Prisoners of Hope" that we meet Every City, U.S.A. These Prisoners of Hope are the people who hope that someday they will walk along the street and kick a box or bag that will contain their personal fortune. They hope for the big break that will give them instant fame. Yes, they are Prisoners of Hope, and so are the people who are always dreaming and wishing for someone else's ability or talent. The truth of the matter **is you already have the ability necessary for success.** The story of life repeatedly assures you that if you will use what you have, you will be given more to use. Life also reminds you if you don't use it, you'll lose it.

UTILIZING YOUR ENORMOUS POTENTIAL

1. What percent of your potential do you believe you are using? Circle your estimate.

a. 0-15% b. 16-30% c. 31-50% d. 51-75% e. 76-100%

2. What are some of the obstacles that prevent most people from using their full potential? Typical obstacles are an "I can't attitude" or "wasting time." List at least six more.

3. List at least eight possible ways you can more fully develop your potential.

4. Check at least two items from the list above which you can begin doing daily to more fully use your potential.

**YOUR VALUE BECOMES REAL AND MARKETABLE
WHEN YOU LEARN TO REACH WITHIN YOURSELF AND
UTILIZE THE ENORMOUS POTENTIAL THAT IS THERE.**



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