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Two-Minute Drill



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The Freedom To Do The Work

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times...it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness..."

- Charles Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities*

"Everyone wants to change the world, but no one wants to unload the dishwasher."

- Dave Barry, Humorist

Soon there will be a new President of the United States who enters office at both a shining moment for all of America, and during some of America's most troubling times. I cannot help but be reminded of Dickens' great historical novel, *A Tale of Two Cities*, and its sweeping plot that captures the drama and dreams of a changing world.

Successful people generally are those who do things unsuccessful people don't want to do. Oftentimes it is the mundane and overlooked stuff of life.

The pageantry of the inauguration-- the flags, the marching bands, the eloquent speeches -- is to be enjoyed and celebrated, but the work to get the kids to their game, shovel the walk, crunch the sit-ups, and re-do the budget remains to be done.

This is what makes us great as a people: the willingness to see the miracle and the freedom to do the work.

Consider the quote of by Samuel Johnson, *"Do it now! You become successful the moment you start moving toward a worthwhile goal!"*

Am I moving towards worthwhile goals?

Do I feel I have everything before me? Or, as Dickens suggests, am I one who feels there is nothing before me?

How do I attain -- or maintain -- the confidence and optimism that good times (resurrection and redemption) will surely follow bad?

Ask yourself: