

## **Live a Showcase-Worthy Life**

I came across a piece that I love which is from my Star Achievement Series® training curriculum and wanted to share it with you today. I hope you also love it and, more importantly, are inspired to live a showcase-worthy life.

It takes courage to be the best at what you are good at. As children, we are each gifted and talented in different ways. All of these are good and carry the capacity to change the world and enable us to live happy, fulfilling lives. But something happens.

Somewhere along the line, we prize blending in over self-fulfillment to embrace our destiny. We are afraid to stand out and be good at something. We fear being noticed for what we are good at, for what we can be successful at. So we shrink back. We avoid opportunities. We prize sameness and blending in over the effort, fun, and luxury of actually getting up and enjoying using our talents every day.

What would it be like if you were the best “you” that you could be?

- How would you be different than you are right now?
- What would you be doing?
- How would you be feeling?
- What about your appearance would change?
- How would what you say change?
- How would your attitudes and thoughts be different?

It takes guts to live a showcase-worthy life. First, you’ll need to stop filling up all your time with random things that do not bring you any closer to using your talents. Something will have to go, and it could well have a remote clicker!

Next, you will need to meet some great new people who love that talent the way you do. Perhaps they like using that same talent or perhaps they appreciate it and are great fans. And you’ll need to experience using your talents. You’ll learn some new skills, understand your talents framework better, and begin to leverage yourself to use your talent. This will all be exhilarating and exciting, because it will draw you so much closer; close enough that you can almost taste it.

There will be people along the way who tell you that since they cannot yet see the talent in you being showcased to full 100% fruitfulness that it doesn’t exist or is not worth the effort or time to try to do so. Perhaps most frightening of all: sometimes the person who tells you those very words will be staring at you out of your own mirror.

Still, the courage to showcase your talent is worth it all. Because in the end, at some wonderful magnificent point, you will showcase your talent. You will actually use it and feel more in tune with yourself than ever before.

Why? Because more than receiving the applause, accolades, recognition, more than any other single aspect (including being paid for it) is the delight you will have in yourself and in using your talent.

And you will be so happy and glad that you were courageous enough to go for it.

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