

## AL N S 5 N L STAR

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Vision is the starting point to your glorious future. For you to get started in life, career or business you need to have a vision.

A vision is the mental picture of your preferred future, a working plan of your future.

A life without a vision is void (emptiness). Many a man work on the street of life with no vision for life and this only leads to a future full of emptiness and ineffectiveness.

Vision gives you the proper direction towards your desired end; it's the eye into your future.
Your vision must be stated and written. Writing your vision helps you to chart your way towards your dream.



It's rewarding to start small in life and grow big. The future lies in how you manage your time and resources in the days of small beginning. Humble beginning might seem painful but it enables you to lay a solid foundation for your future. Most great and mighty enterprises started small, corporation like Apple Computers, Honda, Toyota etc, were once small; they had their humble beginning s so why should you dread starting small.

You might be small now, but it is just a matter of time, by a dint of hard work you will be reckoned with.

## faithfulness

God will not commit into your hand big things when you have not mastered the small things he has given you.

"Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful with few things will put you in charge of many things" What God requires of us in this realm of smallness is to stay faithful with the few things he has given us.

To keep at it, to master the small things put you in charge of big things. Often times, we pray for the big things to come, thereby neglecting the smaller things we ought to be faithful in.

Do not ever undermine anything small because it has the equivalent of great and mighty thing. In that smallness lies greatness.

The way to being big is small. The real definition of bigness is small plus small equals big. There is beauty in starting small, do not despite it.

When i mean small, I do not mean you streamlining your mind and the whole of your life to smallness. Yes, we may have to start small but starting small does not necessarily mean that we are small.

We are peculiar; we are God's own people, a royal priesthood. So that does not make us small and does not mean we cannot start small.

No matter what you are doing right now, either big or small just keep at it, don't give up. If that clerk has despised the beauty in smallness, Coca-Cola wouldn't have been what it is today.

Not to talk of Mr. Soichiro Honda who kept at it despite all odds against him. Soichiro Honda the founder of one of the world's largest motor corporation was born in Hamamatsu in the Shizuoka prefecture of Japan in 1906. His father owned a blacksmith's shop and repaired bicycles as a sideline. As a teenager Soichiro Honda was apprenticed to a car repair shop in

Tokyo but business was slack as there were few cars in the city at that time, however, after the devastation of the 1923 earthquake the government decided to invest in mechanized mass transit. So, Honda found his services in heavy demand.

During this relatively prosperous time Soichiro Honda embarked on a number of his own projects though small but he kept at it. He even hand-built racing cars which notched up a strong victories on the Japanese circuit. Founding his own business in the 1930's Mr. Honda tested his talents behind the wheel of a racing, but an

accident effectively ended his career as a competitive driver, he still kept at it, he never gave up, that was the singular act that kept him moving (consistency to his project). He then went ahead to study metallurgy and started a business again producing engine parts. After the devastation of World War II, he revived his

business by fitting war surplus engines to bicycles. The intuitive and innovative former mechanic concentrated on designing and manufacturing products, which appealed to him-starting with motor bicycles. In 1948, the company, which was to become a global giant, took root at Japan's post war economy.

A partner, Mr Takeo Fujisawa looked after the commercial side of the new enterprise, leaving Honda to design and test. In those early days they worked in harmony out of a tiny rented factory often going for months without engaging in serious business discussion, each having total in the other's ability to handle his own domain. They

worked like that for nearly four decades even when the Honda Company had established itself as a major multinational business, until both retired from active participation in the company in 1973.

The amazing act about these guys was that they never disdain smallness until they grew into the realm of big things.

Do what you have been assigned to do. The storms will come but your inbuilt strength which is a product of your consistency will keep you moving. Faithfulness

brings out the best in whatever thing you are doing.

Another inspiring story is that of Mother Theresa, a woman who was nicknamed the "saint of the gutter" because she lived all her life for the poor and needy. But guess what, she never started big, she started small in that city called Calcutta in India.

Until the moment of her death in Calcutta on a Friday, mother Theresa was engaged in a gentle

but relentless crusade. Here was a powerful personality, bent on overcoming any obstacles that might impede her work. While children were always delighted to be around her (and she was equally content to play with them), many world leadersincluding heads of state and

presidents quailed at her request.

Her charitable projects were
invariably polite and respectful, but
they were demanding. Give until it
hurts, she would cheerfully
suggest.

Mother Theresa has marked the history of the last century, she defended life bravely, she served humanity, always promoting their

dignity and respect, she made the 'losers of life' feel the tenderness of God. She bore witness to the gospel of charity, by giving herself until death.

Learn from mother Theresa, you don't have to wait till you acquire the world money in the world before you can be of help to someone in need. Start with what you have and make sure you keep at it.



STARTING SMALL

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