I heard T.V. Evangelist and Best Selling Author Joel Osteen use the phrase which is the title of this article. Of course, I immediately wrote it down as I believe contained in this phrase ‘Throw away your crutches’ is a very important lesson for all of my readers to take note of. You see, from my observations, there are a whole lot of people spread throughout this great big world of ours who are suffering from a terrible disease, and that disease is what I refer to as ‘Excusitus’.

That’s right, there are far too many people who spend their whole life coming up with one excuse after another, as to why they don’t seem to be able to accomplish anything worthwhile, in all aspects of their seemingly sad and totally uneventful lives. My Grandfather back in Ireland left school when he was fourteen, he also had a bad leg apparently from a kick from a horse when he was very young; so he had to walk rather slowly with the aid of a stick for the greater part of his adult life. And yet he owned one of the largest and most successful farms in the area where he lived, and was an excellent businessman who became quite rich.

Now, he could have quite easily surrendered to ‘Excusitus’ by stating that he didn’t have a chance to get a good education, and that he was handicapped with his bad leg. But My Friend, he didn’t, instead he went on to become extremely successful in his field as he appeared to completely ignore, what many others would give in to, his apparent lack of education and his physical disability. He actually used to drive through the fields each day to count the cattle and make sure that they were in good health…he was immensely successful in all of his endeavors.

My Friend, here’s an important question for you. Are you using some ‘Crutches’ as ‘Excuses’ for not getting ahead in life? Are you using the excuse, that as your Parents didn’t have any money to send you to college, you’re unable to get ahead in life? If this is so, it’s absolute nonsense!

W. Clement Stone who lived with his single Mother in Chicago didn’t have a chance to get a good education. As a young boy he used to get up at 4.00 A.M. in the morning to sell newspapers on the streets of Chicago, in order to get money to be able to put food on the table for himself and his Mother, who took in sewing at her home to eke out a meager living.

But My Friend, he did not use this as a ‘Crutch’, as an ‘Excuse’; instead, he started selling insurance door to door when he left school, and went to night school to educate
himself. Incidentally, he ended up owning the largest insurance company in the world at that time, Combined Insurance Companies of America, and became immensely successful and rich. He threw away his ‘Crutches’. Now, how about you?

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THOUGHTS, WORDS & DEEDS

My Friend, today I’m going to outline the process whereby we bring anything which we want in life into actual reality. In other words, today’s article will present a foolproof way in which to achieve success in all aspects of our life. Earl Nightingale’s definition of success is “The progressive realization of a worthy goal or ideal”. So, if that’s true, and I believe it is; well then, we commence the whole process of becoming successful by THINKING about exactly what we’d like to achieve in the future in all aspects of our life.

As we think deeply about some of the things we’d like to achieve, we are actually setting up our goals for the future. As the thoughts flood into our fertile mind, we write them down ending up with a list of specific goals and objectives, which we can then move progressively towards. So the ‘Thoughts’ which we think are the commencement of the whole process of becoming successful.

Now, the next part of the process which will assist us in actually achieving the goals which we have set for ourself, is to use ‘WORDS’ to impress exactly what we want on our subconscious mind. In other words, we set up a series of ‘Affirmations’, one for each goal. As I have written about before, it is most important that these ‘Affirmations’ are structured in the first person and present tense, as if what we’re seeking had already been achieved.

For Example: if let’s say we have a goal to lose twenty pounds in weight, and we presently weight two hundred pounds. The affirmation will go like this “I AM a slim, trim one hundred and eighty pounds” This is a foolproof way in which to assist you in making your dreams come true. So, we’ve dealt with the first two words in today’s title ‘Thoughts & Words’, now let me deal with the third important word ‘Deeds’.

So, we’ve thought deeply about what we wish to achieve, thus establishing a series of goals and objectives. We’ve also set up a series of ‘Affirmations’ structured in the first person and present tense to assist us in impressing our goals on the subconscious, which is a very important aspect of goal achieving. However, let’s face it, we will never achieve anything in life unless we take the necessary ACTION needed, in order to make our goals become reality.

As The Bible tells us quite clearly, words without DEEDS will not get us anywhere in life. So, we start to do what needs to be done daily, to assist us in achieving our goals on
target. So, there you have it My Friend, the way in which you can become successful in life by ‘Thoughts, Words & Deeds’.

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NO STORM LASTS FOREVER

Today’s message should indeed be a reassuring one for many in my reading audience, who are perhaps right now going through a particularly difficult time. I can tell you, that personally, I’m negotiating some extremely turbulent waters right now; so this message is for me too. Yes indeed, no matter how bad things may appear to be on the surface, nothing is more certain than the fact, that eventually things will get better, for as the title of this article puts it ‘No storm lasts forever’.

As we all know, all storms eventually subside and the sun comes out once again as total calm returns. I’m sure that most of my readers are more than familiar with the line from The Bible that is repeated over and over again, and it goes like this “And this too shall pass”. This My Friend, is a line which all of us need to get deeply etched into our consciousness, so that we do not get into a hopeless frame of mind when experiencing difficulties of one sort or another.

I was watching Dr. Wayne Dyer on The Ellen DeGeneres Show on television recently, and of course they were discussing the difficult economic times which the whole world is experiencing right now. Dr. Dyer suggested, that unfortunately a whole lot of people get literally consumed with fear during times like these.

However, he advocated, that we dismiss all fear from our consciousness immediately, as this only adds to the problem. Then he uttered the phrase which is the title of this article, Dr. Dyer said “No storm lasts forever”; he further stated that “Peace is WITHIN the storm”. I thought to myself at the time, what a great concept!

My Friend, are you going through a particularly trying time in your life right now? Perhaps you’re dealing with a health challenge? Maybe you’re experiencing economic hardship during the present world financial crisis? It could be that you’re having great difficulty with a personal relationship which is causing you much grief. If you’re in business for yourself, maybe you’re noticing a very definite downturn in business, which is having a negative effect on the ‘Bottom Line’.

Well, whatever storm you’re passing through right now, I want you to fully realize that it’s temporary, it will not last, better times are just around the corner, the sun will indeed come out again and start to shine brilliantly in your life and affairs.

Yes indeed, ‘No storm lasts forever’ and you together with God, are indeed more than capable of weathering any storm in your life, thus eventually returning to a state of calm.
and peace. Yes My Friend, as The Bible states “And this too shall pass”. What a reassuring thought this really is!

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CAUTIOUS BUT NOT OVER-CAUTIOUS

Now I believe, that as we live our life pursuing our dreams, there’s no doubt about it, we do need to apply a certain degree of caution, so that we don’t take actions which may put us in jeopardy. However, I also believe, that we have to be extremely careful not to take this matter of caution to an extreme. After all, those who consistently succeed in life beyond their wildest dreams, are usually those who are prepared to take some risks in life, those who are prepared to bet on themselves.

People who always want to play it safe in life, rarely if ever succeed as they should. After all when a person goes into business for themself, nothing is guaranteed, nor should it be in my opinion. I’m sure that we’ve all heard the phrase, that God rewards the risk-taker....this I believe is absolutely true. So, should we all be taking risks each day, throwing all caution to the wind, one may ask?

My Friend, in The Teachings of Buddha one of the most important words which is repeated over and over again is the word ‘Balance’. Yes indeed, balance in all that we do, is the key to being successful in the end. So there are times in our life and everyday affairs when we obviously do need to be cautious, after all this just makes good sense, it’s obviously prudent.

But My Friend, there are also times in all of our lives, when it is absolutely vital for us to take a risk, a giant ‘Leap of Faith’ in order to be able to ultimately achieve a desired dream. Yes indeed, as the title of this article puts it, we need to be ‘Cautious but not over-cautious’.

So the obvious question surely is, how do I know when to be cautious, and when to throw caution to the wind? Good question, and here’s the answer. It’s a matter of judgment. I believe that it’s here where living by Universal Spiritual Principles comes into play. When we need to make an important decision, a judgment if you will, about whether we should be cautious or instead take a ‘Calculated Risk’, we do what we should always do before we make an important, life-changing decision. We simply make contact with our Creator, we give the decision over to our Spiritual Father, God, as we pray about what our action in this matter should be.

Then we simply listen in The Silence for the answer, which believe you me will come in time, as we patiently and deliberately listen to God for the desired direction which we
should take under the circumstances. Once we receive the answer, we must then act on it without any semblance of fear. This My Friend, is a good example of how we can indeed all live The Spiritual Life.

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