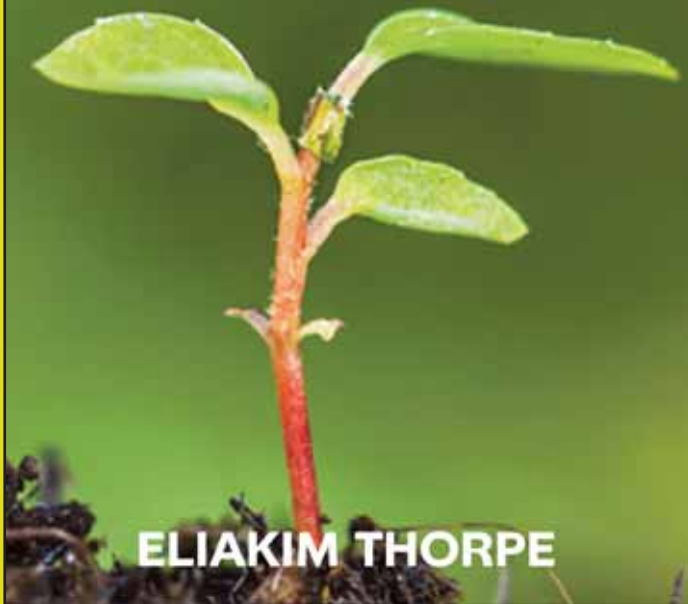


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To be thought of as Fearless, Original, Resilient, Trustworthy, Uncompromising, Noble, and Ethical is a description that eludes most of the leaders, governors, and power-broking men of today's world. Yet it is just such a description that each of us in our own way aspires to embody. Eliakim Thorpe provides the experience and insight for each of us to become a man of F.O.R.T.U.N.E.

How does a man, in his youth or his maturity, position himself to learn what it takes to navigate through a life of struggle and transform it into a life of significance?

How does he embrace his adversity and turn it from a crippling challenge into an empowering life experience?

How do we as men find our spiritual balance in a world of temptations and distraction from His calling and way?

How do we honor our spouse and children while fulfilling our personal calling?

*Transforming A Life of Struggle into One of F.O.R.T.U.N.E.* is the blueprint for a man to build the character and life focus to affect significant impact and leave a mark upon society in a powerful and profound way.

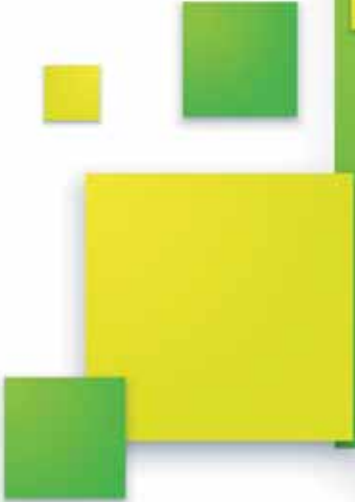
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# Transforming A Life of Struggle into One of F.O.R.T.U.N.E.



Unlike the Fortune 500 man, the F.O.R.T.U.N.E. man is one who defines his success by something other than the tangible. He is led by his spiritual values. He is an individual who does not place more value on money and career than on ethics, standards, family, friends, God, and his own integrity. He is a man who is a shining light in the midst of a dark world, someone who blesses others.

**ON BEING SIGNIFICANT:** You may be asking yourself, *Why should I become a man of significance?* This is why: Significance represents the infinite where the inconceivable becomes possible. It comes from a place that is firmly rooted in the ideals of serving family, community, and more importantly, fulfilling one's destiny. Significance awakens the soul, and once awakened, the journey begins down the path of purpose. From that moment, you are inspired with an insatiable hunger that will never again allow you to remain in the bottomless pit of complacency and conformity.

**ON SELF-RESTRAINT:** Every man must rise above pleasure and pain with an understanding that this requires the development of a new form of self-restraint that allows the discipline of the body, mind, and soul. It is in the abstinence of the senses that we become empowered physically. Gandhi taught us that "Restraint self-imposed is not compulsion. They are experiments imposed on the self by the self. They are undertaken in freedom, and they lead to freedom. It is not about depriving ourselves of satisfaction; it is about choosing what kind of satisfaction to invest in."

**ON LIFE'S EXPERIENCE:** We are an accumulation of our experiences, for life is the greatest teacher! It is the experience of a man that paves the way for the future success of the family because of his ability to synthesize known and unknown information. There is a quote by Alexandra Trenfor that states, "The best teachers are those who show you where to look, but don't tell you what to see." The greatness of a man is his ability to not only synthesize his experiences into classroom lessons but more importantly, maintain an unwavering belief that he has emancipated his children to positively explore the meaning of life and awaken their limitless imagination.

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**ON THE FIVE STAGES OF MAN:** Malehood, Boyhood, Manhood, Husbandhood, and Fatherhood — It is in these five stages that we can find wholeness and a sense of completeness that allows us as men to fulfill our destinies as men. If we cannot fulfill these roles, our families, relationships, careers, and everything else in which we participate will always be out of order because we have to properly navigate these specific stages to allow us to enter into a level of mastery.

**ON THE ROLE OF MEN IN THE FAMILY:** As I evaluate this as a man, I know it is incumbent upon men to be the primary individuals who bring back the emergence of the family, the family that constitutes our very responsibility, the family that we have been given to steward. We are responsible for the managing, educating, and disciplining of our life and family. We do not own the family; we simply steward.

**ON LEGACY:** A man's legacy should be built upon his name. At the end of the day, all a man has is his name, his character, and his conduct. All he has is how he treats individuals. All he has is his respect. It is his connection to purpose and destiny. That is the legacy by which every man must evaluate himself.

**ON THE ESSENCE AND CHARACTER OF A PURPOSE-DRIVEN MAN:** Every F.O.R.T.U.N.E. trait is like a pebble. No matter how insignificant it may be by itself, it creates a small wave of momentum that becomes a tidal wave of transformation. We are in a time when we need every man, no matter how insignificant he may feel, because as Aristotle taught, "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts." We are more powerful collectively than we are individually. Transformation that happens individually, professionally, and spiritually leaves a profound mark or imprint on one's family and community.

- F – Fearless:** The key to overcoming fear lies in your unwavering commitment to your faith and personal contact with God.
- O – Original:** Men, it is your originality, uniqueness, and distinctiveness that is needed to change the world.
- R – Resilient:** Resilience in a man's life is of critical importance because it allows him to usher in a new liberty and a new freedom in his own life.
- T – Trustworthy:** Trustworthiness is cultivating a level of transparency by which one has the ability to be honest. When we lie, we deceive only ourselves.
- U – Uncompromising:** Popular culture, TV, media, and print do their best to condition us to make compromises in what we believe; however, a man must be uncompromising in his stance against right and wrong.
- N – Noble:** Every man carries within himself a sense of nobility. It is a quality of being honorable, excellent, and of high regard. Many men mistakenly base their regard on what they have instead of who they are.
- E – Ethical:** Being ethical is a man's ability to live according to his own philosophy which has been developed, sharpened, and perfected through life experiences. It is a disciplined psychology.

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