

A close-up photograph of a person wearing a dark blue balaclava, looking intently at a laptop screen. The person's hands are visible, with one hand resting on the laptop's trackpad. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue gradient.

When You Realize That!

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Success comes from actions, that when multiplied over time, turn your potential into reality. Results come from actions. Actions come from beliefs. Beliefs come from realizations. So if you want to change your results, change your realizations! Here are five realizations that will change your life if you make and apply them!

- When you realize that no one else is going to live your life for you, you will take ownership of it and put it in the direction you want it to go! So many people are waiting for someone else to make decisions for them and it just isn't going to happen. And if they do make a decision for you, chances are high that it will benefit them more than you! If you want to set your own course you will have to take ownership of your life!

- When you realize that actions, even if ever so small build on themselves you will find the key to long-term success lies in short-term action. Many people don't accomplish much because their thinking is that they wouldn't be able to accomplish it soon, so they won't accomplish it. Those who accomplish much do so through ongoing effort each and every day. Great writers write every day. Professional athletes have practiced every day. Small action each day adds up!

- When you realize that sometimes bad things happen without reason, you will be on your way to getting over the victim mentality that holds so many people in bondage. Many people do not try because they are afraid something bad may happen to them. I have news for you: Something bad MAY happen to you! Look at the life of any successful person and you will see that bad things happened all they way down their road to success!

- When you realize that failure is only failure if you fail to learn from it, you will be taking the first step to having every experience be one that moves you forward. If you succeed you move forward. If you fail, you learn and move forward. Thomas Edison failed a thousand times, but oh what a glorious success that final attempt was!

- When you realize that if one can do it, so can two or more, you will be on your way to achievement. Too many times we look at successful people and think that they must be smarter or something than us. The fact is that most successful people are so because they chose to be. And if they can choose to be, so can you. I know so many successful people, including more millionaires than you can shake a stick at and I don't know one of them that isn't just an ordinary man or woman successful, yes, but ordinary in so many ways.

Realize that you must take control of your life!

Realize that you must take small action every day!

Realize that bad things happen and get over it!

Realize that there is no such thing as failure, only learning opportunities!

Realize that if someone else did it, so can you!

And when you realize that, you will be good to go for life!

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