

STEP THIRTEEN



GEMS OF INSIGHT

YOUR PERSISTENCE PERSONALITY

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So you have begun a new journey. You have taken the first steps to allow a new possibility and a new reality to take shape in your life. The excitement builds. This is the time! All the possibilities are open to you. Then the Caution Walls show up... again! The fears waiting in the wings pounce on you... again. (As you know they will.) How do you move past this to truly allow, to live in the flow, and to keep your feet moving forward? You persevere.

You keep taking steps. You keep going, one by one by one by one. Step by step you climb A Possibility Mountaintop full of blocks to bust. Now for this, you will need a hard hat, a shovel, an ax, a sledgehammer or two, and even a chainsaw for the more difficult roots. It takes a certain type of personality to attack the blocks as they come. Let's call this personality Miss Perseverance.

MISS PERSEVERANCE AND THE GEMS OF INSIGHT

Miss Perseverance is a mighty one. She will stop at nothing to do what it takes to get where she needs to go. She wears her tool belt with pride and always keeps her hard hat ready. She does not seek out the blocks. (That is for the foolhardy drama ones looking to fill their time.) No, Miss Perseverance has a mission and she won't let anything get in her way.

If a fear from the past tells her, "You can't do this!"

She replies, "Watch me."

She faces the fear with mirror goggles on, pulls out a chisel, and goes to work sculpting her dreams. When a dead end shows up saying, "Wrong way! All your effort was for

naught.” she thanks the labyrinth for teaching its lessons to her and turns around to go find another way.

She never quits. She never stops. She might nap under the shade of an oak tree for awhile, stop by the babbling brook to refresh her song, or have dinner parties under the stars with friends. She might dance, sing, and paint her way along her path, but her path is her destination and she will let nothing deter her from her aim.

Her Caution Walls are merely stopping points, lessons, and tools to aid her in getting to where she is going and teaching her where she has been. She does not see them as powerful preventions, but rather powerful tools. As she busts each one down, tossing out the rubble of untruths to either side, she finds those nuggets of new truths, those sparkling Gems of Insight. She puts those Gems into her pouch to carry with her on her quest.

When a formidable foe, a block in the shape of a person or crisis arises, she takes out one of these Gems, tosses them to send the giants fleeing in awe of her power. She has since her first tiny hammer was given to her by her first teacher back when she was a newly formed seeker, built up an arsenal of these mighty Gems.

She has earned each tool notch on her belt by the blocks she has busted, the giants of fear she has slayed along the way. One by one she slays these block in her way, eventually they grow smaller and smaller or at least more fearful of her than she is of them!

She knows her purpose. She knows her way. She builds up confidence with each step, knowing she will not sway. No one and nothing can tell her she won't, can't, couldn't, or shouldn't. She is Perseverance. She holds her head high, her hammer wide, and heaven help anyone who stands in her way.

“But,” you say. “This is not me.”

Oh, but it is you. You are here, reading this. And if you are here, reading this, this is you.

You have slayed the opinions of others trying to keep you down. You have persevered when those fears showed up telling you to just tow the line. You have looked Caution Walls in the eye and asked, “What are you trying to teach me?” You have busted those blocks of the past and are reaching for the future. You have become your own beautiful shining Tiny Little Lighthouse looking out at the great big world. You have walked your path mightily and are looking for new ways to be in that world. You are open to the possibilities to come. Ready to be who you really are, you have rejected the majority and become one of the minority, ready to lead the way. You are Perseverance and you are ready.

You are here because you are ready for the next step, the next phase along the journey. And whether your hammer is small, medium, or mighty matters not. You are here because you are ready. You are ready to really discover the secret to life, the ways to gain access to balanced secure empowerment and a deep understanding all things, of knowing how this world works and how you can work best within it. And though you might not know it, you have already busted many of your own blocks just to get to this point today!

Your tools are insight, knowledge, and the power to face that which challenges you. Your shield is energetic strength from within, to mirror others to release them from the chronic connection to drama, indecision, and fear. You have walked the road less traveled, sat in a power of now, and now it is time for you to find the possibilities on the path that were always meant just for you!

You are able to find those Gems of Insight within each day. Each moment is a teachable lesson, a way to find a new possibility in your life. This is Living in Possibility at its greatest possibility! Busting the Blocks to find those incredible gems within is a tool no one can ever take away from you. No matter what happens in life or to you, if you know you can

wield the power of possibility, nothing can deter you. For you are your very own Possibility Path! You are the path! You never stray. You never waver. There is no ultimate destination. If you can find how to see the sparkles in each teachable moment, then you have within you the resiliency to handle whatever mountain you are facing.

YOUR PERSEVERANCE PERSONALITY

But, you don't have to be Miss Perseverance. You also have your very own distinct personality unique to you: Your own Perseverance Personality! Your Perseverance Personality is that part of yourself that keeps you going even when you want to quit. It will not only sustain you through the rough times, but will propel you to move forward, take that next step, climb that next wall, bust that next block. It is the part of yourself that is always seeking and dreaming and wanting to solve the challenges for your life. It is what allows us to see possibilities and bust blocks!

The problem is there is an Upside and a Downside to this incredibly powerful part of ourselves. This is because although our Perseverance Personality is incredible at making possibles probable in our lives, it can also be quite annoying to other people. Yup! Our Perseverance Personality can make our dreams come true, but can also make everyone's life, including our own, more difficult. Our Perseverance Personalities have their Upsides and Downsides.

UPSIDES AND DOWNSIDES

Tiber's Perseverance Personality is that he is stubborn. You give him a mountain to climb and he will pick the hardest cliff, get equip with the best equipment, and push forward climbing up that rock face no matter what! This is a great Upside as it has lead to him becoming a top lawyer in his chosen field. By all accounts he looks very successful and appears to have the best perseverance skills around. He can push through when all others quit. The Downside is that he has his blinders on. He only sees what he thinks is right. He cannot see any other way than his way. This can be frustrating for others around him and lead to a ton of extra work on their part. That mountain he was climbing? Halfway up, he turned and looked to see the rest of his group was climbing stairs just around the bend. They told him about the stairs. He didn't listen. He liked to do it his way. They got in a fight ruining a nice walk up the mountain together.

Serina's Perseverance Personality is creativity. She loves to create! She draws and paints and put on plays in the backyard since she was a child. She makes a mess and always has an idea for everything. She loves color and exploring new things and finding new ways to do things. This could lead her to a wonderful career in the arts, in film, or theatre, or even as a teacher who inspires great kids! This could be her Upside. Or she could be scorned as someone who always has new ideas, punished for being messy, and her imagination creative mind could come up with too many possibilities, overwhelming her into anxiety or depression. This is her Downside.

How the H.O.S.Y. people in your life who helped build your Tiny Little House blocks reacted to, encouraged, dismissed, invalidated, supported, or saw the potential in it on how you see it in life. You are not in this life alone, and neither is your Perseverance Personality! It can be a great gift, or can be one that you see as a Downside to your life and the possibilities in it. It is all how you look at it.

Ironically this massive strength personality that can help us reach great heights can also be that part of us sometimes that stops us from attempting to reach our mountaintop at all. It can be harsh or tough or even too optimistically hopeful, blinded to pitfalls! It can be our creativity, our love of life, or our will to fight. It can be perfectionism that allows us to create perfect things, but shuts the door on true expression. From ambition to go with the flow, from optimism to pessimism, from shy to gregarious, introvert to extrovert, stubborn to follower, teacher to student, lover to hater, we all have a part of ourselves that help us bust our blocks and scale up the mountains we have to climb.

Sometimes it hides because others have told us it is bad or made fun of us when it reared its head in front of them. Sometimes it hides because we have forgotten it is there. It can even scare us how powerful, intense, or amazing it is, causing us to shy away from it! If you want to know what yours is, try to complete a task and see how you do it! Or better yet, ask others around you. What is it that annoys them the most about you? Oftentimes that is a Downside clue to the Upside of our personalities!

Our Perseverance Personality is one part of ourselves the world sees often better than we do. It is the part that drives teachers and parents crazy when we are kids and can annoy even the most loving spouse! It is our gift and it is also our struggle. Because to climb a giant mountain, whether it is learning to walk, learning to drive, or actually scaling a mountain, we have to be a little stubborn, a little optimistic, and more than a little ambitious! Your Perseverance Personality has a life of its own at times, and getting to know it and how others have seen it, helps you get to know how to use it best!

FIND YOUR PERSEVERANCE GEMS

We need our Perseverance Personality to survive life. If we can see it for what it is we can use it for what we need. We can find the Gems of Insight in our Perseverance Personality itself! We can notice when we move into the Downsides and work to see the Upsides as we face each day. We can see ourselves in a new light, a New View, simply by changing our perspective. We can ask for help from those around us to steer us to the Upside and use our powers for good.

No matter how others, or even we, feel about this part of our selves, it is the greatest tool we have to fight through the fear and move into possibility. It can help you get from where you are to where you want to be and in the process give you more than you ever expected to find. It is your friend. It is your confidant. It is your warrior and protector. It is a Gem in and of itself. It is here for you in the times you need it most. Find it. Use it to bust those blocks, tear down those Caution Walls, and conquer your Possibility Mountaintop!

The Caution Wall blocks will always be there, but if you are ready to live this new life of a new world than it is time to begin.

Find within yourself this new tool of vision, so that with every step you take you will begin to see the Gems of Insights within the blocks. You will begin to see all things as they are: teaching tools, tools that will get you to where you are going and give you wisdom as to where you have been. You will be able to forge a new vision, a new world, a new life for yourself, based on the new foundation of an infinite larger than life human existence. Your Possibility Mountaintop may be calling to you just as you read these words! It calls to you daily to come find its gems. You are ready! It is time!

It is time for Perseverance to become your middle name. It is time to take on that persona and see the Caution Wall blocks ahead and fear clouds behind for what they really

are: an integral part of the journey. They were never here to stop you. They were always here to teach you, to give you the tools, and Gems of Insight you needed along your way.

No matter what path you take, the Caution Walls will be there. Hiding within them lie the jeweled rewards you seek. You may have to dig, prod, poke, hammer, or chainsaw to get to them, but they are there and they will reveal themselves to you, if only you have a little perseverance

Life will test your perseverance. It will give you many reasons to quit. Life is not linear as a mountaintop would perceive. It is a winding, twisting road with a lot of giant boulders in our way. How do we use our Perseverance Gems to help us along the way when life throws giant Curve Balls at us?

That is next.

