



# God's Property



## What Keeps You Going?

We see what we're made of during tough times. Are we going to sink or swim? If we don't know what we are working towards, the answer will most likely be that you are going to sink. In order to overcome anything, we have to have a reason, a hope and a vision to attain. It's the fuel that keeps us going; without it we're, as Zig Ziglar says, a "wandering generality."

I'm currently training for my first half-Iron-Man competition at the end of the season. My ultimate goal is to complete the Iron Man in Kona, Hawaii. That's my vision, so now I need to take the steps to get there. I'd be crazy to go out and try and compete in a full Iron Man right off the bat. I'd be struggling just in the swim alone. The same is true for many who jump into the world of real estate investing and are attempting to make it big in their first year of business. The first signs of a challenge show up and they do not know what to do or how to overcome it because they have not prepared for it.

Preparation is skipped because they don't know where they're going and

are just going to give it a shot to see what happens. When I'm out on the road running or biking for miles and miles and it gets difficult to continue, I know I can't quit because if I do I will never be ready to compete in Hawaii. The same holds true in our business ventures. We must have a vision of where we are going so we can overcome the obstacles and challenges that will come our way in order to get there.

But a vision is just that...a vision. How do I know I will reach it? You don't - but it's the vision of that unseen place you wish to reach that will provide you the fuel you need to endure. Jesus said it best when he returned to train His disciples after his crucifixion and Thomas did not believe Jesus had returned unless he saw Him with his own eyes, *"...Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."* John 21:29.

When you have a vision you believe in, no matter how crazy everyone else around you thinks you are, focus on it and it will keep you going. Take some time now and write your vision down and keep it close to

you. I suggest that you read it on a regular basis, updating it as you grow and learn more about your vision and yourself. When times get challenging and larger-than-life obstacles are staring you in the face, read your vision and it will help you overcome them and get that much closer to its fruition. Make sure you believe; if not, all you have is a wish list. It's not going to be an easy road but when you achieve your vision, you will appreciate everything you went through and be a better person for it.

God Bless,

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