Never give up

Today I want to share a comic with you. As shown in the comic above, there was one person and he wanted to dig a well.

On the first day, he took a shovel and looked around for digging, and then he chose a location to dig. At first he worked so hard to dig a well, and as time goes by the sun set but he still doesn’t dig for water, so he thinks maybe it isn’t the right location for digging water and he plans to choose other location for digging next day.

On the second day, he still took the shovel and chose a location to dig, but before the sunset, he also couldn’t find the water.

On the third day, just the same as the second day, he still didn’t find it. Then he was puzzled by the situation and he ask someone for help. This person surveyed these well and he suggested him to dig deep, and he agreed with this it. So he made a plan that he spent three days to dig the well on the same location to make sure the well deep enough.

From the fourth day to the seventh day, he dug the well on the same location, but he still didn’t find the water after three days digging, so he concluded that there was not water under this area and give up digging on this area. But from the comic, we all know that the water just under this area and if he dug deeper, he would find the water.

Most of us maybe just feel funny about this comic, but I think it tell us a lot of information.

First of all, as we all know, nothing is difficult if you put your heart into it and nothing is easy if you don’t try your best. In my opinion, the quality of determination to succeed is an important one to have and we need keep trying to pursue our goal no matter how many times we fail. Therefore, I believe that we should try our best and never give up.
Second, if we give up easily, we will achieve nothing, it is not unusual for us to fail in our first attempt at something new, and so we should not feel discouraged. Just as the person in the comic, he give up so easily to dig nothing.

In short, if we give up, we have no chance to make our dreams come true, if we keep trying, there is always a chance that we will succeed one day.

Take Abraham Lincoln as an example, he faced a series of failures and obstacles before he became president and brought the Civil War to a successful conclusion. He suffered the death of both his mother and his sister when he was young. He suffered from low spirits in his early thirties. He suffered the death of two of his young sons. He failed as a businessman. He was defeated in elections as a candidate for Congress in 1843 and 1844. He was defeated as a candidate for the Senate in 1855 and 1859. He was defeated for nomination as a vice-presidential candidate in 1856. Yet Lincoln persevered and succeeded, and he is remembered for all his successes, not his failures.

Other hand, I find a math model \( V = (1+0.1)^n \) just like the above comic. As the below graph, when \( n \leq 50 \), the value of \( V \) does not increases obviously, but when \( n>50 \), the value of \( V \) increase obviously as the value of \( n \) increase. And the person in the comic couldn’t find the water because he didn’t try his best and insist on digging on the same location, especially on the fourth digging. If he insists on digging for one more day, he would have already found the water.

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In one word, nothing can be more exciting than success to a man. But you must face many difficulties before you can succeed. No one can make it easily. And it’s harder for those who are in adverse conditions to succeed. However, everything has two sides. Just as someone said, in every adversity there lies the seed of an advantage and in every defeat there is a lesson showing you how to win the victory next time. The most important for us is to establish a brief, which is perseverance. The British ex-prime minister Winston Churchill had a motto of “Never, never, never, never give up.” Nothing can substitute for hard work. Life is a process of struggle for success.

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