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A man by the name of Daniel Burnham once stated: “Make no little plans. There is nothing in little plans to stir men’s blood. Make big plans. Once a big idea is recorded, it can never die.”

That’s really great isn’t it? Now, how does it apply to you? How big are your plans?

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More people would make bigger plans if they knew they could be accomplished. The people who have stood out in history have been those with big plans that caught the fancy and imagination of others. Families with big plans toward which they’re working are happy, busy and interesting families. They suffer much less boredom and have no time for bickering or looking for convenient means of escape.

You might, just for fun, stop a minute and re-evaluate your plans. What are they? What are you working toward? Is it big enough for you? Does it fill you with excitement when you think about it? And does it fill your days with energy and accomplishment?

Maybe your plans are too small. Maybe you’re trying to play it safe with your once chance at life here on earth. All too often, there’s a wide gap between what a person could accomplish and what he has actually accomplished.

It’s a fact that you are unlike any person who ever appeared on earth; are you acting like other people? There’s no good reason for it. What is it you want to do, or have, more than anything else? If you can answer that question, you can discover the direction you should very probably take, the course that’s right for you. Usually, there’s a very good reason for your wanting to accomplish a particular goal. Usually, your particular talents and abilities coincide with that goal.

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People accomplish what they set out to accomplish. But they often don't realize the extent of their own greatness and make their plans accordingly. They take their cue from those around them, assuming that what others do is right for them also. Maybe it is, but maybe it isn't.

Of one thing you can be sure: If the plan toward which you're working does not keep you interested, and fill you with excitement at the prospect of its accomplishment, your plan is probably too small.

What is it that you really want to do? Why don't you go for it? Why don't you do it? If it's good, and hurts no one, go after it. You might be amazed at what you can do. People usually are. But the goals that come naturally to them usually do so for very good reasons. No one will really desire with all his heart something that is beyond his accomplishment.

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- - Earl Nightingale