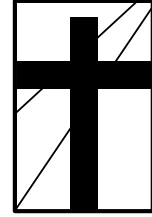


# The Chaplain's Chapter



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## ACTION

*"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only." - James 1:22 and James 2:18-  
"Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works"*

One of my superiors in the United States Corps of Chaplains likes to quote Zig Ziglar. I've had a copy of his book, "See You At The Top" since I was 18. Zig was the top in his field - insurance. He became a motivational speaker and author in the mold of Norman Vincent Peale. And Robert Schuller's (now of "Hour of Power" and Crystal Cathedral fame) book "Self Love" had just been popular. Remember folks, I was 18 years old in 1977. Zig Ziglar, although many folks thought him to be Jewish, just going by his name, was a devout Christian. He made many references in his best-seller to Jesus and different books, stories and parables in the Bible. He also interspersed home-spun stories and analogies of his own. As a matter of fact, the original name of his book was "Biscuits, Fleas and Pump Handles." When I ran for the School Board a few years ago, I used the title of one of his chapters as my campaign slogan, which Ziglar had also used talking about schools...The Future Is Now. In perhaps his most famous illustration of ACTION, Zig says "For the present, *action* is our objective. Remember, the largest locomotive in the world can be held in its tracks while standing still simply by placing a single one-inch block of wood in front each of the eight drive wheels. The same locomotive moving at 100 miles per hour can crash through a wall of steel reinforced concrete five feet thick. That's the way you are when you are in action. Start now and get up a head of steam. Crash through those obstacles that stand between you and your goals."

I never met Zig Ziglar. But I did meet a man named Dr. Hartzel Wilson. He gave me this formula:

$$\frac{(A + K)}{L} = P$$

You just have to know what the letters stand for. Attitude plus knowledge, the combined sum of which is presented over (or multiplied by) *locomotion*, equals power.

Both of these gentlemen were speaking of the power to succeed in life. I speak simply of the power of action. The Nike commercial in the 90s said it best...*Just Do It!* Put your faith into action.

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