

security

structuring my life around that which cannot be destroyed or taken away

keys to building security

security: n **1:** the state or feeling of being free from care, fear, danger, etc. **2:** freedom from doubt; certainty **3:** something that gives assurance.

A normal person feels grief at the loss of a loved one, uncertainty at an unfavorable diagnosis, and discouragement at the loss of a job. When these storms arise, however, the secure person does not give up on what he or she knows. Security manifests itself when you have the patience to see life's benefits while you experience its trials.

Your security depends on what you most value. If you value money, your security will depend on your bank account. If you

most value your reputation, your security will depend on your ability to make a good impression.

Circumstances will reveal the worst of your attitudes and habits, and sometimes a good friend or an enemy will criticize you. Identify the problem and the principle you need to apply. Excuses and denials will undermine the whole structure. Do what is right, even if it means admitting you have been wrong.

When funds run out, others do not deliver, or complications spring up, secure individuals do not abandon commitments or relationships. Weather the storms and your security will grow.

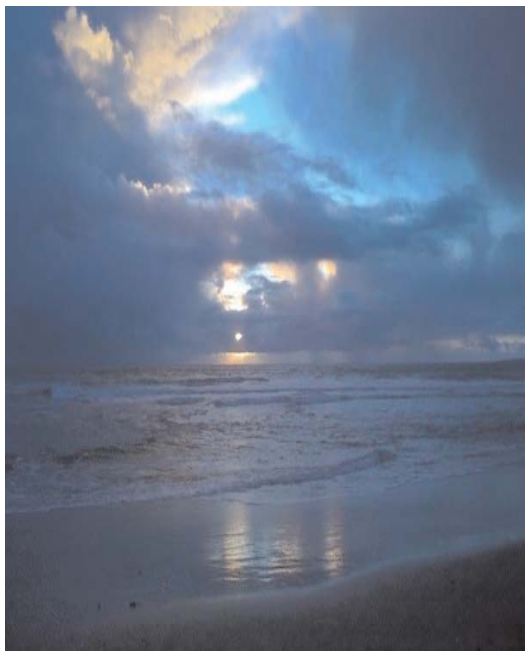
“Don’t waste life in doubts and fears; spend yourself on the work before you, well assured that the right performance of this hour’s duties will be the best preparation for the hours and ages that will follow it.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Through darkness one may come to the light.”

-J.R.R. Tolkein

facing employment uncertainty



Maintain the diligence to finish jobs, even when your future is uncertain.

Show the determination to achieve goals and meet benchmarks, even when you do not see the results you would like.

Look out for the long-term benefit of your organization, even if your future with it is limited.

A clear conscience is more valuable than the illusion of security.

security vs anxiety

security is

- investing my time in things that last
- building my skills and character
- not depending on money for happiness
- correcting unsafe conditions
- not worrying about other people's concerns

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From the Executive Director:

With the most recent economic downturn, most of us have had to re-evaluate our priorities and what we value in life.

If we placed our security in the value of our IRA or 401(k) which significantly dropped in value, or faced losing our job, we experienced some pretty strong anxiety over our future.

One way I overcame my anxiety was to remember that the best things in life are free and to appreciate my loved ones and place my faith in those things that do not wash away like the sand.

We grow into better people through times of trouble if we begin to focus on what cannot be taken away or destroyed.

I hope you took some time in thinking about this word of the month to re-focus your priorities and evaluate your life vision.

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