

Steve St. Pierre's One Minute Confidence ("C") Tip

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*The Traveler's Gift: Seven Decisions that Determine Personal Success - The First Decision (part 2)*ⁱ

The first decision of personal success is a simple philosophy: *the buck stops here*. Your future begins and ends with you.

To determine your future, you must first take responsibility for your past. Once you do this, you can say, "I free myself to move into a bigger, brighter future of my own choosing" (32). Your parents, spouse, boss, or children cannot be blamed for your present situation. Where you are today – mentally, physically, emotionally, and financially – is a direct result of choices you have made throughout your life. You made those choices because of how you think. Therefore, if you want to change your situation, you must first start by changing the way you think.

Foster constructive thoughts; snub destructive ones. When you are faced with the chance to make a decision, *make one*. Stand by your decisions, but should you make the wrong decision, seek the opportunity to *make it right*. Waste no time on second thoughts; let your life be a *statement* rather than an *apology*.

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Next week: We return to David Ponder's journey. Next stop: King Solomon and his advice to "seek wisdom."

Quote:

"Adversity is preparation for greatness. I will accept this preparation. Why me? Why *not* me? I will be prepared for something great!" – *The Traveler's Gift*

Confidently yours,

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