



Leslie Brown is a successful speaker and he has written many books. He had a really bad childhood though. A family adopted him when he and his brother had no place to stay in after being abandoned by his father. He was not keen enough to do well at school, but one thing happened that changed his life.

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A Dark, DARK Night!

Leslie was born in a poor family. The situation was so bad that his father <u>abandoned</u> the family. <u>Therefore</u>, a family adopted Leslie and his <u>twin</u> brother Wesley. As a result, they had the chance to go to school. Wesley was a <u>keen</u> learner, but Leslie was not keen at all. Leslie was <u>jealous</u> of his twin brother all the time.

Do not be late!

One time he got late to school and there was no <u>vacant</u> seats, so Leslie had to stand. The teacher asked him to go to the board and write sth. Leslie said: <u>sir I can't! I don't learn anything!</u> My teachers and friends know that I am <u>dumb</u>. I don't learn anything. The teacher stood and said; **Don't let people's opinion of you become your reality**. This simple talk changed Leslie's life. After the class, he took an <u>oath</u> that he would change his life.

Things change!

Leslie was able to overcome one <u>hardship</u> after another. Later on Leslie became famous and <u>respected</u>. Leslie brown someone who thought he would never <u>qualify</u> for a job, <u>founded</u> a company and made millions of dollars. Leslie who was <u>totally unaccustomed</u> to being popular became famous and popular all over the USA.

Tact!

By the use of <u>tact</u>, he managed to <u>defeat</u> cancer for two times. Additionally he is so <u>gallant</u> that <u>wherever</u> he goes he <u>mentions</u> his teacher who changed his life. In 1995, he got married. In fact, he wanted to <u>remain</u> a <u>bachelor</u>, but when he saw Gladys, they got married very soon.

Respect!

He says, I don't have any <u>data</u> on the number of young people who are in the similar situation and they lose their <u>confidence</u>, <u>self-esteem</u> and <u>self-respect</u>, but I'm saying whatever dream you have is <u>possible</u>. It is possible to achieve whatever you want.