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## Luck? Maybe. . .Hard Work, More Likely

With Shamrocks displayed all about this month, how many times do you see someone and think, "Boy, are they lucky."

People seem to ponder that some others are just born with luck. For example, Gary Dahl, who invented Pet Rocks, made 15 million dollars in six months. Was he lucky or did he come up with something unique enough to start a fad, follow through with the logistics to bring the idea to market, and then fill the orders? In other words, was it luck or hard work? It's probably a little of each if we are honest. However, if we look a little deeper into this conundrum, we also see, as the saying goes, the harder you work, the luckier you get.

So, let's say you're the type of person who feels, "I get paid to work eight hours so I'm going to give my employer my best each day because I'm a professional." You then lead your entire career in an admirable hardworking fashion no matter who your employer may be. You then find out that it's noticed by the higher ups. They offer raises, promotions and encourage your success. So are you lucky? Or did hard work create your lucky breaks? Alternatively, you may not have been given the deal you wanted at that job, so you take another and then maybe another until you find the right fit for you. Once you reach contentment with your circumstances, you start to feel lucky and grateful.

Luck tends to be prevalent more in games of chance while success takes continuous effort and belief in oneself. If you want to increase your odds of this type of luck (1) up your ante emotionally, intellectually, and physically and (2) play your "A" Game EVERY day. That's hard to do. Will you always get it right? No, but you can make it your mission to try every day. You make it a good habit that sticks with you. If you keep doing this, your attitude improves. You may find your life just got better; and then, boy, won't you feel lucky?

A Duke fan, a Kentucky fan, and a Tennessee fan are climbing a mountain and arguing about who loves their team the most. The Tennessee fan insists that he is the most loyal and then yells "This is for the Vols!" and jumps off the mountain. Not to be outdone, the UK fan next professes his love for his team. He screams "This is for the Cats!" and pushes the Duke fan off the mountain.



A leprechaun bought himself a jigsaw puzzle with 20 pieces. It took him a month to fit the pieces together correctly. He thought this was terrific, but his mate O'Reilly said, "What's the big deal?" The leprechaun said, "Well, it said on the box: 4 to 6 years."



**"We are what we repeatedly do."  
"Excellence then, is not an act,  
But A Habit."**

Aristotle

