

## Year Two Schedule

**(There are weekly meetings between the mentor and the individual.)**

**Look what you have accomplished in one year!** Do you really think this is your endpoint or final destination? Can you only imagine, what you can achieve in five or ten years?

They say we only use **10%** of our intelligence! If this is true, can you only imagine the untapped potential in the world? Perhaps, we use so little of this ability, since we don't recognize this gift, and we fail to utilize it. If we strive for high achievement, we are far more likely to utilize this gift. **You possess this gift.**

These are some very interesting and practical quotations. They are extremely useful for life's challenges. The Teddy Roosevelt quote is particularly noteworthy. Teddy Roosevelt was the 26<sup>th</sup> President of the USA. I would like to read and discuss the quote:

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.

Do you think that President Roosevelt valued outcome over effort? **Effort** was most meaningful to him.

A **modern day example** of this effort is March Madness, the NCAA basketball tournament? An underdog, Our Lady of the Hill, is playing Duke. They have no chance, yet they take Duke into two overtimes. They match Duke in field goals, three pointers, and free throws. Eventually, Duke wins on some freak play. The underdog team's fans and players are all crying. It tugs at your heart, but this makes the tournament. It is the underdog's effort that makes the difference. It's not some boring professional sport playoff!

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An **older example** of this effort would be Thomas Edison, the inventor of the light bulb. He tried over 10,000 times to find a solution. He was confronted about his failures. In the greatest expression of optimism, he replied that “I haven’t failed 10,000 times, but I have found 10,000 ways that don’t work. “ We celebrate his life today, because he tried over 10,000 times to invent the life bulb, not because he invented it. If he hadn’t tried over 10,000 times, we might still be sitting in the dark!

If you reach for **extraordinary achievement**, you will do far better in your life than otherwise.

If one strives for **high achievement**, you wake up each day energized, inspired, and uplifted. That alone is a blessing of the highest order.

We live 60, 70, 80, or 90 years. At the end of our life, we all want to be **remembered** for something beyond our family. Wealthy individuals set up foundations for this purpose. This is noble, but eventually the money is spent. It is a “dead” legacy. If you strive for extraordinary achievement despite your present difficulties, you will motivate others to follow your example. If you mentor these individuals, they will come to understand the benefits and the value of your effort, and they in turn will mentor many others into the future, as they follow your example. There will be a cascade of forward progress, and this won’t end with your life. It will be a true “living” legacy, and it will be a legacy worth having!

