



Behind the Wall

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When I walked through the security gate, she was sitting on a blue settee clutching a locker key and occasionally straightening the change so evenly arranged on a formica table. It had been five years since I had seen her, longer yet since, in a fit of anger, she had told me where all bad children go. I remembered the fury in her eyes, the clenched fists, and the belts, hair brushes, and shoes, still warm from contacting my bottom side. The fury is gone now, replaced by a deep hurt, but the fists are still clenched, sweating and holding dearly to that key.

I hugged her, called her mom, and felt the dampness of a tear on my cheek. Taking the key from her hand, I noticed its number, fifty-four, the year of my birth, and returned it to her fingers, the look in her face telling me how much the irony meant to her, how hurt she was to be here. I hurt too, but I could not match the pain in her face.

Didn't she know of the grandfather clock, the green plants and colonial wooden entrance signs that cheered our movements from destination to destination? At her

first words, solemn utterances of contempt, it was obvious she was not impressed. The back of her mind tained steel gates, uniforms, nine hours of freeway, and a question for me--why? Why had I hurt her so? And I'm prepared to explain how three hot meals a day, recreation and twice a week movies hurt, but I don't.

Last time I hurt, lying in a hospital bed with thirty stitches in my abdomen, a journey to Reno kept her from my side. When I needed a friend and sent her plane tickets from Atlanta, she had to work; I made the best of my need with an acquaintance. And now, separated by a small formica table, locked behind steel doors, and restricted by five pages of regulations, I need not explain what hurt is.

I thought about her yesterday while walking the track, the red cinder clinging to my shoes, and an old con reassuring me the world did not end with a prison sentence. Conversation drifted to a dialogue on mothers. Moms can put up with a lot, he said; fathers, friends, lovers and brothers are quick to desert an imprisoned one. But, regardless of the guilt she carries for me on her

shoulders, no matter the intensity of her son's hate, violence and crimes, Mother is the last person to abandon a son. When she does, the old con explains, a guy has no one to blame, no one but himself--he has gone too far, messed up one too many times. He was so right. There in the visiting room, on a blue settee, sat Mom; all I had left.

Atlanta signs consent decree

The Community Relations Service (CRS) of the Department of Justice has obtained a negotiated settlement of civil suits charging the Atlanta, Georgia, Department of Public Safety (DPS) with racial discrimination.

CRS Director Gilbert G. Pompa said the agreement, which formed the basis for a consent decree, was won in negotiations involving representatives of the Afro-American Patrolmen's League, Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), and the city.

The settlement ends a seven-year-old dispute. The league sued the city in 1973, alleging discrimination against Blacks in hiring and promotion practices. The FOP countered with a suit alleging reverse discrimination.

While the city expressly denies the allegations of discrimination, it has agreed to a number of actions, including the following:

--Black applicants rejected for entry-level positions in DPS's Bureau of Police between April, 1971, and December, 1974, may now reapply. If they pass the current selection process, they will be hired and awarded back pay.

--Certain white and Black officers who were demoted in late 1974 from the ranks of captain, lieutenant, and sergeant, and who are still with the Bureau of Police, may compete in a new promotion process to be developed by the city and an independent consultant.

A minimum of nine captains, 20 lieutenant, and 40 sergeant positions will be filled in this round of promotions.

The city also agreed to monitor continuously its entry-level selection process to insure that racial discrimination does not occur. It is expected that the Bureau of Police will proceed to fill 200 officer positions that it is authorized.

Implementing the agreement will cost the city \$370,000.

CRS was established by the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to help communities resolve racial and ethnic disputes. The agency conducts formal negotiations when the parties believe that it is a preferable way to seek settlement of their differences.

Lucid Walls of Time

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Editor

I Miss You

I need to feel the touch of you,
I believe you know how I feel,
Being away from each other for so long,
don't you think that this is so wrong.

I need to see you honey,
For I feel so lonely,
So lonely it hurts to think of the pain,
Or could it be that I'm going insane.

For each letter that I get,
I think of the first time that we met,
You look at me so strange,
Then my whole body felt this change.

You asked if I was going home,
I said, "No, I want to be with you alone,"
You looked at me with a smile,
Then you took my hand and said, "For awhile."

That for awhile was just fine,
For it was a long time,
For that time is still going on,
Cause we're together as one.

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Help Us Get Food Through To CAMBODIA!



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Food provided by the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers) has arrived at the Cambodian seaport of Kompong Som. It is now being distributed to the civilian population of Cambodia, who are threatened with starvation.

This first Quaker shipment of rice—contributed by persons of many faiths—was enough food to feed more than 30,000 people for a month.

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TESTIMONIALS

1) Miss Joyce J.W., Portland, OR., was in a fix where she could not find or keep a good man. I, Rev. Hoskins, removed the fix and the jinx from her. NOW she can draw the man of her desire to her like a magnet.

2) Mr. & Mrs. C.P. of Compton, CA., could not win the BIG one. They called Rev. Hoskins and Rev. sent them a for-sure win blessing money hand. They went to Las Vegas and their luck kept on coming, winning more than \$16,000.

3) Ms. Barbara T., Inglewood, CA., had a man who left home for another woman. She called Rev. Hoskins with tears in her voice. She wanted him back!! Now he is back and eating out of her hand.

4) Mr. Paul, Los Angeles, CA., was in a fix and rooted by this woman. As a result he lost his nature for other women, but through Rev. Hoskins' work, Paul regained his nature and became luckier than ever with women, money and his business.

5) Mrs. O.L., Long Beach, CA., had demons in her body, and in her home, causing all kinds of bad luck, and unnatural sickness. She called Rev. Hoskins and in 72 hours her home and body were free of unclean spirits.

(The names in the above testimonies have been changed for the protection of the individual.) I guarantee to do what I say I can do. I have a big reputation to protect.

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Willie Shannon.

Shannon hurt

Willie "The Cannon" Shannon, who just won a 10-round decision over highly regarded Leroy Caldwell in Las Vegas, will be on the disabled list for a while as he busted his right hand for the 2nd time. A possible opponent for Shannon is Duane Bobick or Freddie Askew. Askew KO'd Chuck Gardner, St. Paul Minn., and drew with big Jim Beattie also from St. Paul. Beattie is also being considered an opponent for Shannon.



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FOLLOW - THROUGH

Knowing Follow-Through Keys is Important

Here are the Follow-Through Keys as requested by some callers, regarding my November statement in the Observer. Over the past month, I have received phone calls asking just what are the keys to **SUCCESS, HAPPINESS, HEALTH, WEALTH, MONEY** and **RESPECT**.

Some of the callers gave me their opinion as to what they thought the keys should be. None of the callers seemed to understand that life is a succession or order unique to each individual. One person's cure can be another's poison.

First of all, Follow-Through Keys are like a combination lock, there must be an order of understanding before you can make it work. Each individual is as different as their fingerprints in such areas as (1) their actual position in life, relative to others. (2) their age and sex. (3) their personality. (4) their total performance ability before learning Follow-Through Keys. (6) their self inspirational and motivational index, reflected from past experiences.

My Follow-Through concept is based upon the simple fact that all things in life and reality are the results of a specific succession or order; and learning how to recognize this fact is like recognizing the correct piece of a puzzle that fits another piece of the same puzzle and then putting them together until the puzzle is complete and going on to the next one.

With this in mind here are the Follow-Through Keys:

Follow-Through Keys to **SUCCESS** are:

Purpose and preparation: one must have a purpose, goal or objective before one can succeed, but, before one can become successful, one must prepare.

Follow-Through Key to **HAPPINESS** is:

Positive Attitude.

Follow-Through Key to **HEALTH** is:

To maintain a balance between spiritual, mental and physical aspects of your life. (as in your purpose and preparation).

Follow-Through Key to **WEALTH** is:

To acquire a product or service that others need or want and learn to manage it to the benefit of yourself and others under strict control. Example (oil, transportation, housing, food, entertainment ect.) (as in your purpose and preparation).

Follow-Through Key to **MONEY** is:

To sell something of value to others, more than to buy from other, (as in your purpose and preparation).

Follow-Through Key to **RESPECT** is:

To recognize your purpose, and perform all of your preparations toward your purpose with Honesty, Truth and most of all consistency, never lie to yourself.

Remember in order to complete anything you must Follow-Through.

Thomas Boothe
Author-Follow-Through Concept.