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My daughter Bea had her moving-up day from kindergarten this week. Compared to my in-laws who will be seeing their youngest daughter graduate from U.P (magna cum laude at that!) next month, my husband and I still have a long way to go in terms of fulfilling our obligation to our children. But instead of being fretful, we choose to be grateful for this season's small steps of progress. "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step" anyway.

Move-up and move-on! God bless you.

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Moving-Up: Graduating with Flying Colors from Life and Work's Daily Challenges

Grateful instead of regretful
Raise the bar for yourself and others
Acknowledge that the world is not all about you
Dare to Fly
Unleash gentleness not anger
Aim to finish. Make this decision early on in the race of life.
Treat people well. (Matthew 23: 17)
Explore new frontiers. Expand your world.

"I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection! But I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that Christ saved me for and wants me to be." **Philippians 3:12**

Thankful All the Time

Can you still be thankful despite the challenges and difficulties in the workplace? The Bible tells us that, "Whenever trouble comes your way let it be an opportunity for joy. For when your faith is tested your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be strong in character and ready for anything" (James 1:2-4).

How can we be thankful at all times? Consider the following:

Trust that God is sovereign
Hone an attitude of gratefulness
Articulate your appreciation

Note the blessings of each day
Know your roots
Show your thankfulness by celebrating life

A thankful heart is a happy heart. God encourages thanksgiving. As a matter of fact, He wants His people to hold thanksgiving festivals to celebrate His goodness and power. This is what He said in Exodus 13:8, "During these festival days each year, you must explain to your children why you are celebrating. Say to them, "This is a celebration of what the Lord did for us when we left Egypt."

Portrait of a People-Person

A people-person **L**istens.
A people-person **O**verlooks an offense.
A people-person **V**alues others.
A people-person **E**ncourages through her words, actions and presence.
A people-person **S**hares himself.

To sum it up, a people-person **LOVES**.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." I Corinthians 13:4-11