

What we do affects those around us

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Thin ice . . .
How safe is the surface of the foundation you're standing on? Should you determine its safety by the presence of others on it? What is the weight of your presence?

Insight . . .
Without warning: After years of confidence building experience, I fell through. Nothing prepared me for that! Thank God, I got out with nothing more than a sprain wrist and embarrassed ego.

Not everyone thinks of themselves as a builder. However, what we do with our lives greatly affects the lives of others.

Let me explain. In every household the parent(s) laid the foundation for the children to grow and live on.

What is brought to that foundation primarily depends on the adult's experiences developed from their family structures and childhood.

If they were raised without a solid surface, firm structure and safe boundaries, their lives are lacking trust; which is needed in building character in their own children.

A definition of **failure:** a generation that produces less than their fathers.

The human experience demands more of each generation regardless of what the previous one had to work with.

Lack of substance is not an excuse for failure!

What am I doing with what I have?

This is the question we either run from or toward to accomplish our destiny.

Neither of my grandparents nor parents entered college. Out of five children, I was the first of two to go to college, and it was not due to pecking order; I was not the oldest.



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Today, both my brother and I have two children each attending college.

This is successive opportunity built into the foundations of succeeding generations. The Bible says "If the foundations be destroyed, what then shall the righteous do?"

Most people measure the strength of a foundation by how many they see standing on it. If it can hold them, it can hold me also. From the safety of the rocks the ice looks pretty solid.

Whether skating or fishing, the risk we must weigh is will it also hold me?

Now, we must face the fear that others overcame before they entered the ice. Is the surface strong enough to hold me?

Do you know the foundation we stand on as adults was made of the material in the ceiling we looked up at as children?

What was the protection over us, created by our parents, became the floor beneath our feet.

Their ceiling is our floor. We were not meant to walk where our parents walked.

We are to begin at the height of their accomplishments. As our children are meant to go far beyond the ceiling we have created.

Family business, traditions and professions can be passed to future generations, but our children and grandchildren must be shown the components of strength in their foundation so they don't build a mess or throw away the opportunities given them.

Often the elderly (forefathers) shake their heads in disdain seeing their offspring waste the potential built into them.

Many would be fortunes are lost, slipping through the fingers of a wasteful generation. For our forefathers it was not "easy come, easy go!"

Clearly, the **future** will be shaped by what each generation brings with their foundation.

The substance built into the DNA of the character represented by the people which succeed us.

Little Johnny may never wear your shoe size. It's time for a dwarf to give birth to a giant!

- Foresight . . .
- ~ Secure homelife
 - ~ Protected environment
 - ~ Safe neighborhood
 - ~ Productive future
 - ~ Limitless possibilities

Songs of salvation



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