

## How To Be A Success

“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he...” Proverbs 23:7 AMP

A man named Arthur Barry was an unusual jewel thief. He operated during the roaring twenties. He gained international reputation as the most outstanding jewel thief of all time. As a successful jewel thief and connoisseur of the arts he would not steal from just anyone. His prospects had to have money, jewels and listed in the top echelon of society. It became a status symbol to be robbed by this gentleman thief.

One night he was caught, shot three times with bullets in his body, splinters of glass in his eyes and suffering excruciating pain he made a statement. He said, “I’m never going to steal again.”

Miraculously he escaped. For the next three years he eluded capture. Then a jealous woman turned him in and he served an 18 year prison sentence.

When Arthur was released he kept his word. He did not return to being a jewel thief.

Arthur settled in a small New England town and lived a model life. Local citizens honored him by making him commander of a local veterans’ organization. However, eventually word leaked out that a famous jewel thief was in their midst. Reporters from all over the country came to the little town to interview him. They asked him a number of questions. Finally one young reporter asked him the most penetrating question of all. The reporter said, “Mr. Barry, you stole from a lot of wealthy people in your time. But I am curious to know if you remember the person from which you stole the most?”

Arthur Barry without a moment’s hesitation said, “That’s easy, the man I stole from the most was Arthur Barry.”

I could have been a successful businessman. I could have been a Baron on Wall Street. I could have been a contributing member to society. But instead I chose the life of a thief and spent two thirds of my adult years behind bars.

Arthur Barry was a thief who stole from himself.

There is another potential thief - you!

The person who does not believe in himself, does not fully utilize his ability is stealing from himself, from loved ones and because of reduced productivity steals from society. He does it unwittingly.

A great hindrance to our service for God is our self image. When our confidence goes up our competence goes up. When your self-image improves, your performance improves!

By attending FallsCreek Community Church you will learn believe in yourself and in God.

We are devoted to you!