

Everyone Is Impressionable

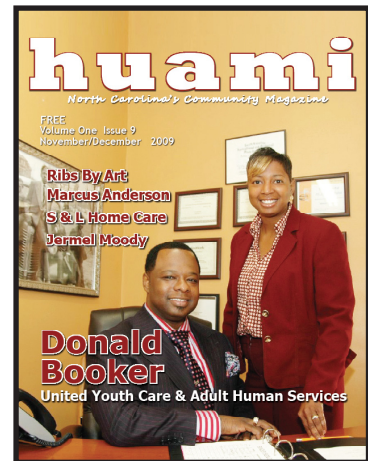
Greatness doesn't happen over night and the catalyst of success is hard work. Whatever is put into something always determines the finished product. With clarity and without contest, this also includes a lack of what isn't applied. It makes more sense for someone to maintain their consistency, even through the tough times, rather than to abbreviate an obvious submission by changing lanes or changing their mind. Depending on how we look at trying moments, the effects of adversity offer insight into an underlying message; you're not the first one it has happened to.

Notable figures of history made tremendous sacrifices and contributions all for the well being of someone else. Harriet Tubman, Fredrick Douglas, Rosa Parks, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Medgar Evers, (The Greensboro Four) Ezell Blair, Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil, David Richmond, and countless others all possessed an intuitiveness that set them apart from the rest of the pack. Though I'm sure they all would talk down their actions for nothing extraordinary, the paths that were paved, doors opened, and change induced is far from ordinary.

A follower of someone or something becomes this after their attention is alerted and captured by words and actions. Invisibly, an impression is made and what happens next is as predictable as the first steps taken by a young child. We become musicians because of impressions made by music. We become professors because of impressions made during our educational upbringing. We become failures because of impressions that glorifies failure. We become winners because of impressions that suggest winning creates opportunities. We become tragedies and statistics because of the impressions not made by those responsible for our well being. We become successes because of impressions made by someone who never compromised.

We're equipped at birth with gifts and talents, yet they're useless until realized. What we encounter along our paths will influence or suppress this realization. It doesn't matter what direction we go, it is always determined by what has won our minds over and filled its adolescent voids. We're surrounded by many things that will relentlessly feed us with persuasive verbiage about who we should be. We're impressionable because it's our human nature to be.

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