

THE EXTRA POINT

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220 Pablo Picasso Knew How to Get Things Done

If you've listened to this daily feature for any length of time you probably have come to know that I study the things said by notable people, many who have come and gone, and try to find meaning to apply to my life...and maybe to share right here. I'm Jerry Roberts and we'll look at words written by Pablo Picasso, today, on The Extra Point.

Picasso. If you know him at all it might be for art that seems difficult to comprehend, and there certainly was some of that. However, as a creator, this man was prolific.

According to Wikipedia, "The total number of artworks he produced has been estimated at 50,000; comprising 1,885 paintings, 1,228 sculptures, 2,880 ceramics, roughly 12,000 drawings, many thousands of prints, and numerous tapestries and rugs." He was busy.

He also was a pretty deep thinker. Let's try out a few of his quotations.

"I begin with an idea, and then it becomes something else."

This is what ideas are supposed to be and why we should encourage everybody on our payroll to contribute ideas all the time. An idea is just a starting point. Then somebody else massages it into something else, and by the time a whole team works it over, it could evolve into anything, or nothing. But this is how major breakthroughs happen.

"Every child is born an artist, the trick is remaining one as an adult when you grow up."

Why do we let the responsibilities of being an adult squeeze the life out of the creative person we were born as? Who said that when people told us to act our age, that it meant kissing our creative spirit goodbye? Just think about that.

"Inspiration exists but it has to find you working."

Be ready to capture inspiration. When you have a great idea do you have a pad of paper and a pen handy? Some people have one in their car, in the bathroom, next to their bed.

"There is only one way to see things, until someone shows us how to look at them with different eyes."

Why can a new employee see things that we once saw, but are now blind to? Is there value in looking at things through the eyes of others? Or is that too dangerous? Could that force us to peek out from inside of our comfort zone? Yikes. Who wants to do that?

Let me combine the last two quotes.

"What one does is what counts. Not what one had the intention of doing" ... and this one... "Action is the foundational key to all success."

You know it and I know it, we all fall short when it comes to cashing in our intentions and actually making something out of them. I'm certainly guilty of that. Maybe Picasso also had this problem, but then again, he did find a way to knock out 50,000 pieces of art. So he didn't just talk about getting things done. He was committed to it. We should be, too.

That's The Extra Point. Get out there and make something good happen today. For 93.3 and the Ray Gibson Show, I'm Jerry Roberts.

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