

Is a College Degree Your Ticket... To Wealth, Prosperity and Abundance?

Life is a rat race. What most people don't realize is that the race is on the moment we take our first breaths. Being a baby is a competitive affair. It is about who crawls, walks and speaks first. Being at school is competitive. It is about which child is the best behaved, the best at sport and earns the best grades. Next is college. We pile degrees on our children, without thinking what message it is that we are conveying in the process. Are we in fact promising them a life of abundance purely based on education?

If we are, we are unintentionally fibbing. A college education does not guarantee abundance and it definitively is not an instant recipe for success. If it were the case then all college graduates would be wealthy and all non-graduates would be part and parcel of the great unwashed, steeped in poverty.

In reality it does not work that way. There are many really prosperous people with no formal college education at all. There are also many really prosperous people with a good college education. For this reason, I am quite happy to point out that a college education has – in all probability – nothing to do with abundance and prosperity whatsoever.

Now before anybody gets upset ... it is statistically correct to say that college graduates are higher earners than non-graduates. That much is true. But does being a higher earner equate to prosperity and abundance? The answer is very simply put: No.

If your objective for piling on the degrees is to get your child to amass wealth, then your well intended approach is probably off the mark. It will neither hamper nor enhance success. It is just one ingredient in the recipe.

What's the solution?

Schools and colleges offer academic training. It is with us as parents that the buck stops when it comes to abundance training. We are the ones who should support our children's dreams (grand or simple) by helping them change these into reality – a reality of abundance and prosperity. Your daughter's dream to become a teacher can manifest in her being the owner of a training company or an investor in a lucrative training software development firm.

Help them set their sights a little higher. Paint them into the bigger picture. Show them that it can be done and how. Teach them that anything they buy, should preferably repay them with interest. Teach them that money should work for them, not the other way around and what the difference is between an asset and a liability.

If your child one day decides to be a teacher after all, be assured that she will probably lead a very different financial life to most other teachers. Being a

teacher by profession has never precluded anybody from owning stocks and speculating with property in the very least!

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