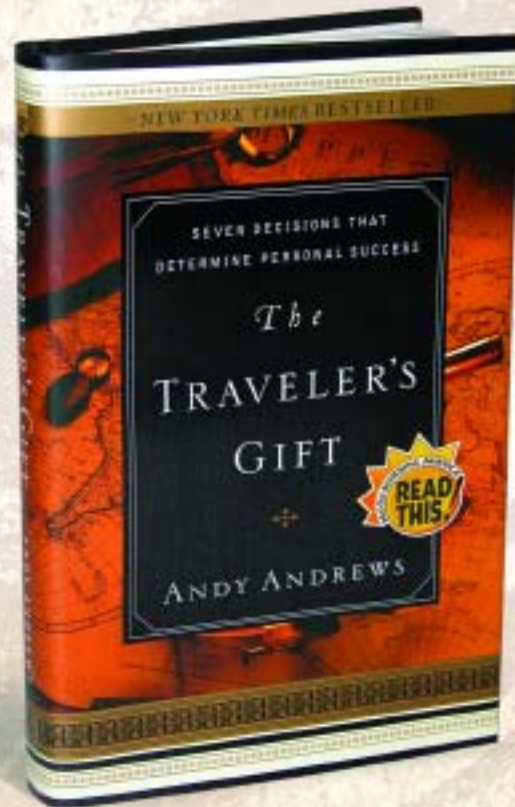


NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

ANDY ANDREWS



The
TRAVELER'S
GIFT

SEVEN DECISIONS THAT
DETERMINE PERSONAL SUCCESS

One Choice Could Change Your Life

New York Times Best-Selling author Andy Andrews Shows Ordinary People How to Make Decisions that Lead to Extraordinary Success

What if time were to stop just before you made—or failed to make—a critical decision in your life, and you were given the gift of seeing what would happen if you chose a different path?

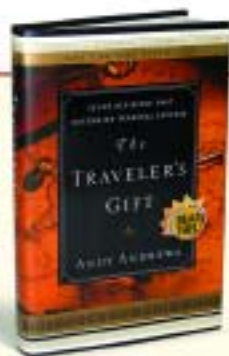
You would live life differently, says practical philosopher ANDY ANDREWS, because, perhaps for the first time, you would understand that, every minute of every day, the individual choices you make can have dramatic consequences for the rest of your life, and may even shape the lives of generations to come.

WHAT TO KNOW TO SOUND LIKE YOU'VE READ IT

Andrews presents a modern-day parable about David Ponder, an ordinary man who has lost his job, as well as his faith in life. Ponder is about to make the worst decision of his life—to give up—when he is suddenly transported back in time to seven crucial moments in history. At each stop, he meets an extraordinary figure who imparts his or her secret for success. Suddenly catapulted into the future, Ponder then sees what his own life could become if he were to model it after theirs.

Seven individuals, ranging from King Solomon and Abraham Lincoln to Anne Frank and Christopher Columbus, through conversation with David Ponder, demonstrate how courage, resilience, passion, and optimism helped them achieve greatness in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds.

Seven Decisions For Success



1. HARRY S. TRUMAN

The Responsible Decision:
The buck stops here.

I will not let my history control my destiny.

2. KING SOLOMON

The Guided Decision:
I will seek wisdom.

God moves mountains to create the opportunity of His choosing. It is up to you to be ready to move yourself.

3. JOSHUA CHAMBERLAIN

The Active Decision:
I am a person of action.

Many people move out of the way for a person on the run; others are caught up in his wake.

4. CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

The Certain Decision:
I have a decided heart.

Criticism, condemnation, and complaint are creatures of the wind. They come and go on the wasted breath of lesser beings and have no power over me.

5. ANNE FRANK

The Joyful Decision:
Today I will choose to be happy.

Our very lives are fashioned by choice. First we make choices. Then our choices make us.

6. ABRAHAM LINCOLN

The Compassionate Decision:
I will greet this day with a forgiving spirit.

You will find that God rarely uses a person whose main concern is what others are thinking.

7. GABRIEL

The Persistent Decision:
I will persist without exception.

Reason can only be stretched so far, but faith has no limits. The only limit to your realization of tomorrow is the doubt you hold fast today.

INTERVIEW TOPICS FOR ANDY ANDREWS

Here are several possibilities for features, articles, columns, shows, and segments on which ANDREWS can work closely with business and consumer media.

Can One Life Really Make A Difference?

Discover the seven decisions that determine personal success.

Looking at momentous events that shaped history, one can often pinpoint the individual leader or hero who was responsible for setting critical events in motion, affecting countless generations thereafter. ANDREWS has studied the characters, attitudes, and behaviors of successful people, past and present, to identify seven decisions that governed their lives. Follow their examples, he says, and you will be successful too.

Are You Hanging Out With The Wrong People?

Learn how to surround yourself with winners.

Depressed, negative people—those who are self-centered and stuck—can stand in the way of your success. ANDREWS discusses why successful people actively seek the association of those who are working and striving to bring about positive changes in their lives and in the world. Learn how you can “catch” success from others.

The Pollyanna Complex

Is happiness something you're born with?

Why did Anne Frank possess such unflappable optimism? Because she chose to, says ANDREWS. You, too, can choose either to complain or not to complain. ANDREWS says that anyone can learn to be happy, and doing so will jump-start your journey toward success. He offers practical ways to overcome depression, bitterness, regret, and other negative emotions by smiling, laughing, not dwelling on the past, forgiving yourself, and other techniques.

*The unique narrative of *The Traveler's Gift* blends entertaining fiction, allegory, and inspiration, with a touch of self-help. It is a front-row look into one man's journey of a lifetime.*

A person destined for MEDIOCRITY:

- * Is undecided, moving neither left nor right
- * Is dependent on the approval of others
- * Tolerates mediocrity in companions
- * Lacks passion

About the Author

ANDY ANDREWS is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *The Traveler's Gift: Seven Decisions That Determine Personal Success* (Thomas Nelson Publishers, November 2002, \$19.99). He is a seasoned performer, a prolific writer, and a successful entrepreneur who is internationally known for his unique combination of entertainment and inspiration. Andrews has performed at the White House at the request of four different United States Presidents, and has entertained thousands of audiences worldwide. Andy Andrews has achieved success and happiness by bringing forth his own brand of dogged persistence to quietly become one of the most sought after speakers in America today.



“A person who is depressed is spending too much time thinking about the way things are now and not enough time thinking about how he wants things to be. A man of fear lives always on the edge of insanity. A man of faith lives in perpetual reward. Do battle with the challenges of your present, and you will unlock the prizes of your future.”

— Andy Andrews
The Traveler's Gift

Interview Questions

FOR ANDY ANDREWS



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1. Why did you write *The Traveler's Gift*?
2. How did you come up with these specific seven decisions?
3. Who are the seven messengers in your book who deliver the secrets of their success, and why did you choose them?
4. It's difficult to take responsibility for everything that happens in our lives. How can one learn to do that, and why is it important?
5. What should one do if they're feeling desperate in their life?
6. Why is persistence so important in creating success?
7. How can a person facing seemingly insurmountable problems, such as losing a job or getting divorced, "choose to be happy"?
8. How does one go about seeking out and surrounding oneself with positive, visionary people?
9. How does one deal with criticism? How do you deal with critics who try to sabotage your success?
10. What is the most challenging aspect of creating success in one's life?

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—Charlie T. Jones,
Author of *Life is Tremendous*

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—Dr. Robert Schuller,
Founder, The Crystal Cathedral

How can one book have universal appeal across a **diverse** range of categories?

Consider this:

The Traveler's Gift has appeared on these best-seller lists:

- New York Times Business
 - New York Times Fiction
 - New York Times Advice
 - ABC's Good Morning America, Book of the Month
- The Wall Street Journal Non-Fiction
 - USA Today All Current Books
 - Barnes & Noble Self Help
 - Publishers Weekly Religion
 - Amazon.com Literature

Translated into nearly 20 different languages including Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Japanese, Czech, Italian, French, Portuguese, Thai, Turkish, Afrikaans, and English in the UK, Australia and New Zealand, and Braille.