

RELAY RACE

Relay Race is a racing competition much different from any other race. Team players take turns in finishing the race course. Team players usually have a stick or a baton which they must hand over to their teammate before he/she can start running. Teams usually keep their best sprinters at starting and ending positions. Slow start can cause defeat, not only keeps the team behind but also demoralizes the other races.

Life moves on like a RELAY RACE from all sides and angles. You are a team player of LIFE RELAY RACE. You are running towards ends of life with the stick your team player handed over to you. In this race some sticks have following names:

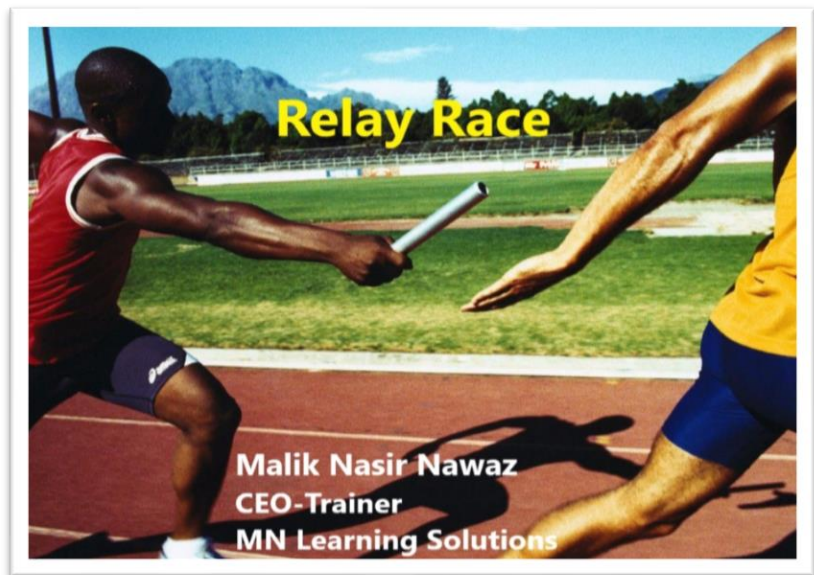
- Honesty / Dishonest, corrupt
- Hard work, efficient / Lethargy
- Helping hand / Selfish attitude

If teammate (Father, Mother, Brother, Teacher, Boss, Friend, Relative, etc) has given a stick of dishonesty then a person will run his/her life with same norms. For example when a mother given lesson to her child that, DO FINISH YOUR LUNCH AND EAT IT ALL. DON'T SHARE WITH YOUR CLASSMATES). It means she has given a stick of selfish attitude to her child. After that another stick of "GO GET IT" child gets from the day one from parents. It means you have to be on the top in class. Sometime child ignore the ethics and carry the stick of dishonesty by cheating in exams.

Professional life is another relay race. Immediate boss giving a stick of misusing companies assets, internal office politics to remain on the top. A subordinate carry all these sticks in relay race considering the correct approach to be successful in career.

Business or entrepreneurship relay race sticks are "under invoicing, hiding taxable income, under table payments to concern authorities, making fake or replica items, etc". You carry the same sticks and run to win the business relay race. One of the business tycoon of construction industry in Pakistan can be considered a good example who has given these sticks to small entrepreneurs building houses for financial benefits.

Government servants also didn't left themselves out from this relay race. Government employee with basic grades level got sticks of taking bribes, misusing government facilities, abuse of power etc from higher ups. Examples are in all government departments where a low level clerk or junior officer driving expensive cars, living in posh locality, kids are in expensive school and filthy rich.



Relay race can be seen in religious part of life as well, where sticks of correct path has been passed on to next generation since prophet Mohammad (SAW) till today. On the other hand skipping mandatory prayers every day and relying on sticks of short cuts like pray in certain nights, time and months to repent your sins. That leads to short cuts or sometimes wrong track because following correct religion path didn't have stick of short cut.

Last but not least I believe, if someone is in relay race with stick of negativity to run on the track of life he/she should stop the race or if not at least do not hand over the stick to your next generation. Life relay race can finish with top rank by ending the race with stick of honesty, hard work and helping others. I request all to start new relay race and handover the positive and clean stick to win the humanity award at the end of race.

Stay Safe Stay Blessed.

Regards.

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