

Two And A Half Years Left: How I Plan To Rejoin Society

When I am released from prison, which should be in January of 2017, I will have spent a total of almost 18 years in prison. I hear inmates talk about what they plan on doing once they get out, etc. I guess I'm a little different, my plans start right now and not when I get out. I need to prepare myself ahead of time and decide what I want to do. I knew this day would come, and now it's almost here. These are some of my plans:

Get a state identification card (I already have my social security card and birth certificate).

Seek employment right away, even possibly work two jobs, a full-time and part-time job as well.

Get my driver's license (I've never had one) because it could possible lead to a job as a driver, etc.

Get my commercial driver's license so I can possible get employed as a truck/tractor trailer driver, or any other job that requires a CDL license.

Continue to attend Chapel/Church services at least once a week.

Surround myself around positive people.

Continue to attend Alcoholic/Narcotics Anonymous meetings.

Try to get a license to become a muscle fitness instructor
and/or a personal fitness trainer

Maybe even try to find a job working around ^{troubled} youth
and young people, as I had a very hard life as a
teenager, so I think other troubled youth would
definitely identify with me and my story. For some
reason, I have a strong passion and desire to do so much
work in this area, helping troubled youth.

Lastly, remember that no one owes me anything and that
the first step towards making a better life for myself is
to start by helping myself. I know this is easier said than
done, and I know I have a difficult road ahead of me.
There are people in here who are not as fortunate as me,
people who have life without or the death penalty - who
will never be released from prison. Some of these people
I have become close to over the years and it saddens me
sometimes that they will never get out of prison. But it
also reminds me ~~never realize~~ that I have a blessed opportunity to be
released from prison and I should never forget that.

Two and a half years left - sometimes I like to
think of it has 900 days left, for some reason it seems
like the days will go by faster if I say 900 days
left instead of 2 and a half years left. I don't
know why that is. I do know that I'm ready to get ~~outta~~ ^{out of} prison.

We Can Only keep What We Have By Giving It Away

People are often mean, unreasonable and self-centered.
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may use you or accuse you
of having selfish ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful
friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive
you. Be honest anyway.

What may have took you years to create, others
could destroy overnight. Create anyway.

If you find peace and happiness, some may be
jealous of you. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today will often be forgotten.
Do good anyway.

Even when you give your best, it will never be
enough. Give your best anyway.

After all, it was between you and God. It was
NEVER between you and them anyway.