

PASSING OF A CENTURY



Every once in a while someone truly inspirational reaches out and touches the world. Doctor Norman Vincent Peale was one of those people. As a pastor, writer and entertaining raconteur, he devoted his life to helping ordinary people achieve the extraordinary.

Author of over forty books including *The Power of Positive Thinking*, Doctor Peale's message was simple - think positively.

"...think positively, imagine positively, pray positively and believe positively, and powerful results will be yours."

Born 1898 in the small village of Bowersville Ohio, Doctor Peale's life spanned over two devastating world wars and the Great Depression; the administration of seventeen United States Presidents - from Teddy Roosevelt through to George Bush; from the hand-cranked telephone to the fax machine and from the wind-up Victrola to the CD player.

Over his time this gentle man's incredible strength, charisma and insight has helped America's

poorest through to America's most successful sports stars and business people.

Doctor Peale had a unique understanding that went beyond faith. He understood the inner workings of the human soul. His teachings had a unique way of helping each individual find his or her true direction in life and remain focused on it. Life, to Doctor Peale, was all about finding a balance.

"Success and happiness can be anyone's providing they balance goal setting, positive thinking, visualising and believing with each other."

On the afternoon of 24th December 1993, Doctor Peale passed away peacefully, aged 95 years. While his loss is of great sorrow to all, there is the hope that his spirit lives on in his family and in the millions of people he has helped.

After taking so much inspiration from his books and writings, Loren and Sandra Watts, John and Jan Kenyon and Peter and Robina

Daniels met with Doctor Peale in Hershey, Pennsylvania September 1992. The warmth, strength and motivation Doctor Peale gave to them is still with them today.

Doctor Peale will be immortalised for his messages of positive thinking, positive imaging and living a happy and successful life.

"I want to remind you, if you need reminding, that your future stretches out before you, packed with all kinds of marvellous opportunities. You haven't made it yet, no matter how outstanding your achievements have been. The best, your best, is yet to be. Never look at the great things you have done and say, "Not bad, not bad at all, I've got it made." Instead tell yourself that the splendid things you have accomplished are just indications of what you can do. Believe, always believe, and never doubt that your future lies entrancingly out there ahead of you. Then you will proceed from one level of achievement to another in a life pattern of continuous growth and development."



John Kenyon, Jan Kenyon, Peter Daniels, Norman Vincent Peale, Ruth Vincent Peale, Sandra Watts, Loren Watts and Robina Daniels in September 1992.