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*Nine Action Steps for
Achieving Your Dreams*



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Flo Jo
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Vesta - weight loss
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Legacy
Michael Jordan P249
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Oprah Winfrey
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Dr. Ben Carson
lived in house of
Colonel George Young
Wilberforce, OH.
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adopted kids P242

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Phil Bennett
Bob Johnson - intro
Floyd Flake - PLS

Wilberforce -
no gadgets - wrote
PhD thesis Koughland
worked at Reynolds Tol
Xerox 68-69
Lincoln U in PA
Boston U.

School choir - We have a school
Fannie Mae Foundation Board Member
Investment Clubs in the Church
Greatest Wilderness Experience -
4 years between managers

Elaine got PhD also
Rev. O. L. Dawson - spend
Sundays traveling with him
Jewel Houston
Rev. Myron A. Hughley

Who was Richard Allen - slave
482 student

1st marriage
1st church - Kenton, Ohio

Lee Jacocca - story of feud
with Henry Ford

married Elaine
1975 Memphis
move to N.Y. 1976

Church crisis - 1985
Admin assist. - had to live
troubles ahead

1400 members - in 22 yrs. 11,000

Congress 1989 -
Lost first race

wrote parts of book at 4 a.m.
Divine all night -

Dec 1987 - sued for
sexual harassment
phones tapped
meeting at La Guardia
former employee dies in
auto accident

Fasting - what does
that do for you.

Elaine - charged with 2 felonies

(p 200) - The writing
of book brings
some closure

legal fee 1.2 million - still owe 400,000
Civil Suit

tithing - we raise 6 million annually

Close and 15 million loans
to build cathedrals

We visited Mrs. Jewell Hanson
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Treadmill everyday
write my own
sermons

Virgin till 21

no same sex marriage
1st Home at 29
on the Cape

Going into your closet

Coy Pugh - Inq to pastor p 62

Praise for *The Way of the Bootstrapper*:

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