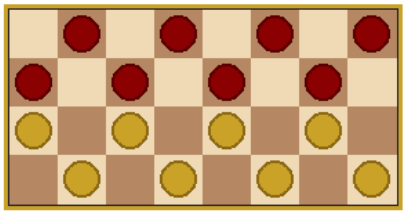
YOU vs. TIME

Reflections on a Leadership Quote by Napoleon Hill

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> *"Life is a checkerboard, and the player opposite you is TIME. If you hesitate before moving or neglect to move promptly, your men will be wiped off the board by TIME. You are playing against a partner who will not tolerate indecision."*
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> — Napoleon Hill

THE BIG IDEA

Time is your opponent in life's strategic game. Every day you hesitate, you lose a move. Every bold action you take moves you forward on the board.

▶ **Speed + Intention = Progress**

Moving promptly doesn't mean rushing blindly — it means trusting your preparation and acting with clarity and purpose.

THE MAXWELL LENS

John Maxwell teaches that leaders must develop the habit of **intentional momentum.** Indecision is not neutral — it is a choice to fall behind.

▶ **Leaders don't wait for perfect conditions.**

They prepare deeply, then act decisively — turning pressure into progress and uncertainty into opportunity.

YOUR MOVES ON THE BOARD — Reflection Questions

01 Think of a time a quick decision changed your path. What gave you the courage to act?

02 Where in your life are you hesitating right now? What one move could you make today?

03 How do you balance the pressure of time with thoughtful, God-honoring decision-making?

04 What strategy will you use to "play better" on the checkerboard of life this week?

LET'S DISCUSS: How Do YOU Play This Game Against Time?

Share your stories and strategies — I'd love to learn from your moves on this checkerboard of life!

"Time waits for no one — but prepared leaders are always ready to move." | John Maxwell Leadership Series

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