

Don't Postpone Work (Value of Time)

Good morning respected Toastmaster and dear friends.

Today I want to talk about a very interesting habit — postponing work... or as we like to say, “I’ll do it tomorrow.”

This reminds me of a famous comedy dialogue by Vadivelu in winner

“Innaiku poitu naalaiku va... naalaiku poitu marunaal va!”

Sometimes our work planning also becomes exactly like that.

I once saw a message that said:

Putting things off is like a credit card... it feels good until the bill arrives

And honestly, I learned how true this is from my own experience.

One day I had an important task to submit at my office. I had one full week to complete it. I told myself confidently, “Relax... there is plenty of time.”

Day 1 — I postponed. Day 2 — I postponed again.

Day 3 — I suddenly discovered many very important activities... like checking my phone, watching videos, and scrolling endlessly.

You know something interesting about mobile phones. We open it just to check one message, and suddenly 30 minutes disappear!

Aiyayo... idhu romba periya problem aayiduchu - Vadivelu

Finally the deadline came very close.

Suddenly I became very serious and started working very fast. For one day I was working like Rajinikanth in an action scene!

But the question is — why can't we start like that one week earlier?

Instead of working peacefully, I was stressed, confused, and tired. I made mistakes and had to redo the work.

At that moment I realized an important lesson: Postponing work does not remove the work... it only removes our peace of mind.

From that day I started thinking seriously about the value of time.

There are three simple reasons why we should stop postponing work.

First, postponing increases stress. When we delay work, the pressure slowly keeps increasing. At first we feel relaxed, but as the deadline comes closer we start asking ourselves, “Why didn’t I start earlier?”

Students understand this very well. Students who study regularly feel calm before exams. But students who start studying the night before feel like they are preparing for a surprise attack!

Second, postponing reduces the quality of our work. When we rush at the last minute we cannot give our best performance. We make mistakes and miss important details.

But when we start earlier, we have time to think clearly, correct mistakes, and improve our work.

In my own experience, when I started completing tasks earlier, my work quality improved and my confidence increased.

Third, good time management gives balance in life. If we finish our work on time, we get time for family, rest, and hobbies.

Otherwise unfinished work stays in our mind like a pending notification on our phone. Even when we try to relax, that notification is still there waiting for us.

Friends, all of us have the same 24 hours every day.

Successful people are not given extra time. They simply use their time more wisely.

So how can we stop postponing?

We can start with a few simple steps: make a daily to-do list, complete the most important task first, and reduce distractions like too much mobile usage.

And most importantly — start immediately.

Because waiting for the perfect time can be dangerous. Sometimes the perfect time is like a bus we keep waiting for... but it never arrives.

Time is very precious.

Money can be earned again. Opportunities may come again.

But lost time never returns.

So today I request all of you — let us stop saying “I will do it tomorrow” ... and start acting today.

As we say in Tamil:

Naalai seiyvadha inre sei... inre seiyvadha ippo sei

Thank you.