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Re: Peter Drucker book entitled: The Daily Drucker
w/Joe Maciariello

October 15, 2004

Chip,

Enclosed is the most recent book from Peter Drucker, signed by him, addressed to you, so this is a keeper. I am not sure I am excited about the format of the book but that was the publisher's idea; however it does capture Drucker's thoughts from many of his writings, by subject matter. As you are browsing the book, look at February 13 – his comment on freedom. This was written in the fall of 1942 as he was reflecting upon the world war and all of what he left when he escaped from Germany to England in the 30's and then decided to move to the freedom of America.

The other interesting point about this thought on freedom is that the editor eliminated the last sentence of the paragraph. That quote read as follows: "Freedom is not fun. It is not the same as individual happiness, nor is it security or peace or progress. It is a responsible choice. Freedom is not so much a right as a duty. Real freedom is not freedom from something; that would be license. It is freedom to choose between doing or not doing something, to act one way or another, to hold one belief or the opposite. It is not 'fun' but the heaviest burden laid on man: to decide his own individual conduct as well as the conduct of society and to be responsible for both decisions. The only basis of freedom is the Christian concept of man's nature: imperfect, weak, a sinner, and dust destined into dust; yet made in God's image and responsible for his action." In this modern world of pluralism and tolerance, Harper Collins had a hard time with his conclusion that the only basis of freedom is found in the Christian concept of man's nature.

Just a reminder to you as you continue to express your gift of speaking and authorship, maintain the freedom to express the truth and the source of truth. The quote used in the book comes from an essay Drucker wrote entitled "The Freedom of Industrial Man".

Dad