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## Passion & Money

Anything will give up its secrets  
if only you have enough passion for it.  
--Anonymous

I love my work. I love my life. I choose the days and the hours within those days that I work. I am also quite happy with my financial situation. I have a husband who loves me and I love him. It's great! I truly wish that everyone would have such an enjoyable and rewarding lifestyle. But, everyday that I work, I see and talk to people who are unhappy in their jobs, which are unrewarding, or in their relationships, which are unsatisfying. What happened?

I always wanted to be somebody,  
but I should have been more specific.  
--Lily Tomlin

The essential conditions of everything that we do must be passion, choice, action. Passion and purpose are closely linked for it is passion that shows us our purpose. And, definiteness of purpose is the starting point for all riches. Yet, people come to me and say that all of a sudden they realize that they have been in a job or a relationship for *years* that has been a drudgery. And the worst of it is they don't know what they want to do or don't know what kind of person would be good for them—they have become desensitized.

“You can have anything you want if you want it desperately enough. You must want it with an inner exuberance that erupts through the skin and joins the energy that created the world.”  
--Sheila Graham

How do we find our passion? Starting from scratch, there are seven steps. I read about these steps over fifteen years ago.

**#1, is to make a list of your work life values**—ie: independence, power, work alone, people-focus, things-focus, pleasant environment, location, creativity, enjoyment, travel, etc. Then, rank your 10 most important work life values. Do your most important work values fit with your current job?

**#2, ask & answer three questions: What type of work would you be doing if you had gotten everything you needed?** What stopped you? Why do you continue to let it stop you?

**#3, Your Inner Wise Voice or Counselor.** In the past, what did you do that made you feel best and really alive? What was your Inner Wise Counselor telling you?

**#4, make a list of your past 5 to 10 most meaningful achievement highs.** Choose one or two from childhood, adolescence and adult life. Also, list the skills you used for each achieved high/goal.

**#5, imagine how you would spend your time if you only had a limited amount of time left. What would you do if you only had one day left? One week left? One month? One year? Five years? Ten years? Thirty years?** List just two things you would do for each limited time span.

**#6, What advice from your Future Wise Self would be given on your current work life?** What advice would come from your Desired Future Wise Self?

**#7, Now, write out your notes on your ideal workday.** Include the activities and skills that you will use. Where do you do it? What things will you have? Who will you do it with? On a separate piece of paper write out your action plan, which includes key target dates. What is the first step you will take tomorrow?

Our passion flows into every aspect of our lives, including our thoughts. Whatever we believe...deeply...becomes our reality. Thoughts manifest themselves. In other words, we become what we think about every day. We are what we think. All that we are arises with our thoughts. With our thoughts we make the world..

What we truly value and believe in passionately is reflected in our actions (even though our words may say otherwise). We are a living magnet. We attract people, events and circumstances that harmonizes with our dominant passion and accompanying thoughts & actions.

“Love thy neighbor as thyself, but choose your neighborhood.” –Louise Beal  
Since we have always been free to choose what we think and what we do, we are where we are and what we are because of our own choices and behavior. No one is coming to the rescue—we have to realize that we are responsible and take charge of our own lives.

We are always compensated for whatever we do, positive or negative. “My friends, money is not all. It is not money that will mend a broken heart or reassemble the fragments of a dream. Money cannot brighten the hearth nor repair the portals of a shattered home. I refer, of course, to Confederate money. –Artemus Ward. Money is the medium through which people exchange their production of goods and services of others. **Money is an effect, a result, not a cause.** Wealth is health, happiness, abundance, prosperity, riches, loving, caring, sharing, learning, knowing what you want, opportunity, enjoying and balance.

Begin by discovering your passion and all else will follow. Passion is in all great searches and is necessary to all creative endeavors.

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