

'My' Success Consultant

Is This the Right Time?

The New Year is approaching and if you really mean business, this is the time to make things happen. Stop dreaming, contemplating, hoping, planning, writing, re-writing, discussing, and start doing!

What actions are you taking now to prepare for 2012? If you are not in action, you are living your excuses. The most popular excuse, of course, is money. It is legitimate-sounding but it is still an excuse. I personally have never met anyone who did not find a way to get money together for what they really wanted.

When I was young and extremely poor, I wanted to visit Hawaii. The islands are 180 degrees from Hungary (where I was born) and I thought travelling half of the planet would be the coolest thing – so I had to go! The problem was, I just got laid off from my minimum-wage job and had no cash. Then I figured it out: if I gave up the room I was renting, I would get my security deposit back. Plus I had my last paycheck and, if I canceled my car insurance while I was gone, I would get a refund. Suddenly I had enough dough to go to Hawaii and stay there for three months! Even people who are well off rarely have such a lengthy vacation, but I did because I wanted to (and because I was willing to camp on the beach.)

Point being, if you are really committed, you most definitely will find a way. So get a piece of paper out and write down all the things you are doing now and whether those actions produce the results you want. This will give you a good indication of how committed and successful you are.

If you are not, I say, enough of planning to do things next year – when the time is right, when you lose 10 pounds, when the kids grow up or when you have cash in the bank. If you ever lost someone you loved unexpectedly or if you ever missed out on a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity because you did not grab it right then, you know very well: tomorrow is never guaranteed, life is now!

The current moment provides such an opportunity to get obstacles out of the way. So does Christmas! Depending on your holiday traditions, consider being open about the gifts you would like to receive. Include clever ideas that would help you succeed. For example ask others to contribute to your projects or pay for a business consultant. Request an advertisement spot in your local paper (in *The Loop* preferably (-:)). Invite them to find you an intern who can design your business card. Ask your friends for their time and get your office organized together.

I am certain your family would appreciate a great idea, instead of spending hours figuring out what would make you happy. For them to give you a gift that will aid your business and increase your income will be a true contribution: a gift that keeps giving.

By the way, if you feel you cannot ask openly for what you want, hell with it! Invest in yourself, and give yourself the gift!

Since I want to contribute to the business owners' success in the area, I am going to give a Christmas present to the first five business owners who purchase a package deal with me before the next *The Loop* is published! I am going to give you a \$150 refund if you book your sessions now at <http://www.mysuccessconsultant.com/successstore/>

Say yes to yourself! If you are not sure whether business consultation is worth it, let me assure you: it is. My recent client spent \$500 and she raised \$5000 in just 10 days. This is the kind of return some of my clients get on their "investment" when working with me.

Steve Jobs was a mastermind of innovation and creativity. In his famous 2005 Stanford Commencement Address, he shared that he never waited for the "right moment" but had always lived his life in the now. I invite you to do the same and blossom now.

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The Butcher's Wife

Giving Thanks...

Thanksgiving is now upon us...and we here at The Butcher Shop are so very thankful! We want to truly thank you all for voting us "The Best of Tehachapi" for our great customer service! No...really! Thank you!

Now, if you all don't mind, I have some observations and thoughts I would like to share with you today. (Hang on a second, let me grab my soap box. Ahem.) Okay is it just me or... (Sigh)...well...

I was thinking about how "we," as a society, tend to kind of "forget" about the celebration of "Thanksgiving" these days. I mean really, I notice when I'm out shopping for groceries (or wine)...I see that the store's "holiday decor" goes straight from "Halloween-spooky" to "Christmas-cheer" without so much as a cardboard turkey to "observe" Thanksgiving. Well, believe it or not, we all really **do** have a lot to be thankful for. Even though the economy has taken a down turn and making ends meet is harder than ever, we Americans are still **way** better off than most of the other people on this planet! In the past I've traveled a little bit to other parts of the world, and I have seen for myself how really spoiled us Americans are compared to the lifestyle of other people and countries.

So, if I can just say this to you all today (and remind myself as well), "Be Thankful" and please remember to count the "little things" we take for granted everyday.

Things like:

Freedom! (Not such a "little thing") Thank you to our military for your service

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Santa at the Depot!

support of the Depot.) If you can bake or buy goodies for any or all of the three Saturdays, please contact Carol Westover at 661-823-7832 or at tehachap@yahoo.com. More baked goods are needed on Dec. 3 than the following two Saturdays because of the extended hours of the Bake Sale. Remember, Santa has a sweet tooth, so be generous and maybe you'll get just what you want for Christmas.

Saturday, Dec. 3, will be very special indeed. The FOTD has planned a day as full of wonderful surprises as the Christmas stockings of every good boy and girl.

To commemorate our visit with Santa on any of the three Saturdays he's at the Depot, you can have pictures taken of the holly jolly occasion. Photos will be taken by Hank Morris Photography. For only \$10 you will get one 5" by 7" and four wallet-sized photos. The photos will be available for pickup at the Depot for no charge or, if you prefer, they can be mailed for an additional \$5.

In the Depot's freight room, along with the Bake Sale, will be Mike Nixon's spectacular "G"-scale train layout. It will be on display the first three weeks of December, possibly longer. Many thanks to Mr. Nixon for allowing us the opportunity to enjoy the fruits of his dedicated and

and sacrifice!)

Abundance! Having access to food and shelter, anytime, everyday... (Just remember to "live with-in your means".)

Family and Friends! It's a relief to know that some people, who know everything about you and **still** like you, are on this planet. Otherwise we would **all** die from loneliness!

Hot Water! Think about it. It was a luxury to take a hot bath/shower just a mere 100 years ago! If you did, it was maybe once or twice a month and it was a "shared" tub. Dad was first, then Mom, kids according to age and, finally, the youngest (The Baby) who was usually the stinky-ist! Thus the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water"!

Oh, if you really look around and think about it, There is just **so** much to be thankful for! Just imagine yourself living back in the year 1892 and you'll get the idea! The people of that era's needs were met and your needs are met too. (Just as long as you don't consider "internet access" a vital need for survival.)

I am especially thankful to our local Tehachapi Veterinarian Office, for diagnosing sickness in my new standard poodle puppy, "Prince Leonardo". He is recovering now and is full of "spit and vinegar" once again! (No kidding...you should see my floor!) Thank you Tehachapi Vet!

Best wishes to you all for a wonderful and happy Thanksgiving and please don't forget to appreciate all the "little things" in your life that make you comfortable and happy.

I'll bet you'll smile. — Tomi



by Tony and Tomi Nuckolls,
Butcher and Wife

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