

EVERYBODY WANTS TO BE ONE...

Would you like to be a millionaire? Dumb question? Ask one hundred people this question and your going to hear ninety-eight say yes! Ninety-eight??? Why not one hundred??? Well, your bound to run into at least one religiously confused person that believes that humility and poverty are synonyms. Second, your brother in law, that has been living with you and you are supporting, has neither interest nor desire for million bucks. Besides, he's so lazy; he would get tired just counting the money.

So, back to those that said "yes". Here are some questions you should them (actually ask yourself too), about being a millionaire. These are important questions...oh by the way, you are either going to deal with them now or they will rear their ugly little heads later, then you will have to deal with them whether you want to or not. But first a quick little qualifier...Have you ever attended a seminar, listened to someone or read about someone who said something like this " Making money is easy! It's a frame of mind. Follow my 1,2,3 simple steps to financial freedom, etc." Now be honest, some of these people look like they would be kicked off of a Jerry Springer episode! They smile right at us through the TV screen and say, "you can do it too!" All those who have felt like throwing a shoe through the screen raise your hand. Perhaps you did throw it or at least cussed a little bit. Either way I guarantee that you at least wondered, " Is it possible and if it is, can I do it?" Well, lets take a look at those questions; we may find our answers there...

NOTE: these are not in order of importance, but each one is essential.

- 1) Do you know a millionaire? Personally? Even just a little bit, (if not, find one).
- 2) How much time do you spend working on yourself? Yes, this is called Personal Development.
- 3) Do you have any sort of a plan for acquiring the money (hint, working harder doesn't work)?
- 4) Are you willing to be coached/mentored (another hint, even Tiger Woods has a coach)?
- 5) **WARNING:** This next one requires rigorous honesty...Money is a personality amplifier, you may be thinking great!!! Check with someone you trust, who will tell you what you need to hear not what you want to hear. They are to answer you truthfully. Do they think that you x 10 is a good idea? This question is only for the brave, fearless and those committed to developing all the gifts and talents they were created with.
- 6) Why do you want to become a millionaire? Avoid all the easy shallow questions, think of purpose.
- 7) Other questions will come up. Don't ignore them. They show up for everybody that takes on this journey. Lets move on...

Why is it that most millionaires have to make their fortunes 3 or 4 times before they can actually keep them? All the truly wealthy people I've met have each said "Making the money isn't the hard part, keeping it is". Every single one! Here is a clue that will help you avoid the common pitfalls. Learn

and understand the difference between income wealth and asset wealth. One stops producing when you stop, the other can produce for several lifetimes even after you stop. Here is a real nugget, if you are truly interested in acquiring knowledge pertaining to lifetime income, call me, my toll free number is in my chapter bio and I will introduce you to Ralph Thompson from Novus Money Technologies. You and your portfolio will be impressed.

Discovering the Millionaire Within is not a flip of the switch process. You did not get into debt problems in one weekend, you won't become a millionaire in one either, (Lottery winners aren't true millionaires) sorry. Being a true and "complete" millionaire is more than just having a million dollars in the bank. I remember hearing Jim Rohn say, "You should become a millionaire (agreed!). Not because of the money, but because of the person you become in the process". The journey to true wealth requires changes in each of us, in all areas...Mental, Physical, Social, Spiritual, Emotional and Financial. Most people who win lotteries end up broke and/or worse off than they were before they won. This is a fact. Why is that? Simple, they only had the money part in place. Remember, money is an amplifier, of good... or bad. They were out of balance. Winning the Lottery and plugging the money into a hyper drive indulgent lifestyle usually ends up in a disaster. Don't forget, you will still have that brother in law around too.

Having the money without the skills and necessary lifestyle is not worth the price. I can hear you now, "Oh Yeah! Who are you to tell me what to do? I can decide how to live my life and spend the money too!" Fair question, here's the answer. I am a person who can speak to both sides of the issue, I didn't win the Lottery but I had plenty to go along with my lifestyle...then I lost it. I was out of balance, didn't see it coming. No justification, I take responsibility for not paying close enough attention. You can learn from me (wisdom) or you can learn yourself (experience). You choose.

Here's a little friendly advice that cost you the price of the book. First and foremost: prepare yourself on the inside. Decide and design why to become a millionaire. The "how" has a way of magically showing up when you do this. Avoid getting greedy. Who can you help? What difference can you make in your world? Think about this, what would it be like to wake up each day to a life designed by you, with purpose, intent and driven by your passion. A life unencumbered by worry, debt, guilt or stress. You can have that. You can live this. But, it doesn't come from having a million dollars. It comes from you working on being the best you possible. Develop a millionaire mentality, attitude and lifestyle.

As I draw to a close I must share with you something that I have purposefully saved for the end, so read with intent.

It is absolutely OK for you to want to be a millionaire. Actually you should be one! You deserve a great life. It is depressing, frustrating and at times impossible to be a blessing to others when you can't even pay your bills. So first decide that you will be asset wealthy and financially independent. At the same time decide to work on yourself, read the books,

listen to the messages, associate with winners, find a mentor, live with intent not by happenstance.

Review and remind yourself of your intentions several times a day. Don't buy into the mainstream anything. You are a unique and creative being. Act like it! Society in general won't understand you, perhaps thumb their noses at you, certainly try and dissuade you. There will be many opportunities for you to trip and quit. Don't quit!!! Tripping happens. It is not a sin. You only fell. It is not wrong. It only becomes wrong when you give it that meaning and stay down. Get up! Remind yourself of why you are doing what you are doing. Do something inspiring and move forward. The way I see it even when I fall flat on my face, I am 5' 11'' closer to the goal. I fell towards it because I was facing it! No magic bullets here, no secret formulas either. Remember this, **SUCCESS LEAVES CLUES!**

Now, go out and create a fabulous life so that you can share it.

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