

Gain Your Life by Giving it Away.

Have you ever questioned about the purpose of your life? Do you ever wonder why your life feels so completely useless?

Well, there are times in your life where it seems like you have no purpose, and there are some times when you feel alive, and what you are doing is purposeful. These times will come and go, as business ideas come and go.

But there still needs to be an underlying current of self-purpose that needs to be apparent even through the ups and downs of business and life.

We have been given talents, giftings and resources for a purpose. Maybe we have a gift of communication, and of inspiring people. Maybe our talent is creative, or learning software quickly without training. And if we are only to use these attributes only for our own personal gain, and ourselves we are missing something very vital.

You see, we have been given our unique talents for a reason. Yes it is to help us excel in business and in the jobs we do, but we are also responsible to invest these talents into other people. And we must invest these into people without necessarily gaining financially.

Have you ever done any volunteer work, where you give a part of yourself freely, without expecting anything back? If not, you should try it sometime, as it is very fulfilling.

To apply this principle personally, I spend 1.5 hours every Monday night with a group of 12-15 year-old guys. I am a musician, and I teach them timing, chords and band dynamics. Instead of getting into mischief and trouble, these guys learn to work together in a band, play music together, and have a great time.

This is my way of giving back to people what I have been given. The more we take our eyes off of our own selfishness, and give ourselves away, the more we will feel purpose in life.

At the end of our lives, all the material things we have acquired will be meaningless. The only things that will remain, will be the friendships and the people we have influenced in a positive way.

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