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Why You Shouldn't Quit Your Job THIS Year

There's a global "Go-and-quit-your-job" movement going on, which I must have missed somehow.

It feels a bit like "Go-and-quit-your-job" porn. Everybody talks about it. And people are addicted to it. The more stories, the better. Working on an island and drinking Mojitos all day long? Hell yeah!

And I totally get it. I totally get the idea of how awesome it is to travel 20 countries and to build a business at the same time.

Or how awesome it is to quit your job and to start your own company back home. Or to follow your passion. And living your dream.

But what these online stories usually leave out, are the times when it's tough. When you were down on your knees. When nothing seemed to work out. When you were about to quit. Because that's how it's like most of the time. In real life.

I know working a job is horrible and it will in many cases make you feel miserable. I felt the same way back in 2013. That's why I decided to quit my job.

Here are a few signs that lead me to quit my job back then:

- When my alarm rang in the morning, I didn't feel like getting up. Ten more minutes. Until ten more minutes ended up in half an hour or even more.

- When I got home from work I didn't have any energy left to do stuff. Doing mind numbing things that were pointless sucked all the energy out of me.
- I felt like I had a lot more potential than this. I felt like this can't be it. I felt like there must be more to life than this.
- Whenever someone called my Blackberry I didn't feel like picking up. Usually I picked up nonetheless and felt even more like not picking up the next time someone called. Vicious circle!
- Whenever I got an email where I had to get in touch with other people, I felt like dying. I tried to ignore it as long as possible. Only to end up sending an email telling the other person that I had no clue.

And a few more things. These are all perfect signs that you don't like your job. That you should even consider quitting your job.

Now wait a minute. Didn't the title say that you shouldn't quit your job this year? Yes, that's exactly what it says.

I've learned a lot since 2013. And one (painful) lesson I have learned is that I shouldn't have quit my job. At least not at that point.

If you resent your job, your life, your boss, your colleagues or feel like you're capable of doing great things in your life, I recommend that you don't quit your job (at least not this year).

What I recommend doing instead are some of the

things below (actually all of them). These are the skills and things you'll desperately need once you've quit your job. Skills I had to learn myself after I quit my job. After I didn't get a safe paycheck anymore. And let me tell you one thing: Everything is so much harder without a paycheck.

Trying to learn new skills while not getting a paycheck at the end of each month is one of the toughest things out there. When you are on your own, you HAVE to learn new things, which is always very time consuming and inefficient but at the same time you have to make ends meet. Somehow.

An almost impossible undertaking. Looking back, I have to admit that everything would have been so much easier and so much smoother if I knew this upfront. It still would have been very tough though.

And one of my biggest learnings is that all of this would have been a lot easier (and smarter) if I started working on acquiring those necessary survival skills while I still had a job, a regular income and a safety net. The pressure is just so much bigger if you don't have any of this.

Sure a lot of people will tell you a diamond is only made under incredible pressure. I think this is BS. Most of the people who quote this kind of stuff have had some kind of safety net. Most successful entrepreneurs had some kind of safety net.

A family with enough money. A good education as background. Some cash in the bank. The right passport. Or whatever. Be smart and make sure that you still have some sort of safety net. And yes, this net is going to disappear sooner or later. Rather

sooner than later.

But while you still have it, benefit from it and keep working towards that moment when that safety net is gone. The moment when you're being replaced by algorithms or by someone who is as well qualified as you are but does your job for half the price.

If you only start working on your “survival skills” once you've quit your job you might be screwed already. You know, all of those skills that will help you to take care of yourself. The skills that will enable you to make a living without having to rely on someone giving you a paycheck at the end of each month.

I'm using the phrase “might be screwed” because some of us do already know how to do all of this. But most of us (including myself) have to unlearn everything we've been taught over the past few decades first. Decades of relying on someone handing you cash every single month. Decades of not having to think about ways to make money.

And that's the really hard part. Simply creating a product, a piece of art, a book or a painting and throwing it on the market doesn't work anymore. Even if you're among the most talented and gifted people on this planet.

There are just way too many people out there offering their stuff. And only 0.1% might be able to make a living off of it. The best of the best. And most of us will barely be able to get by. That's why you need to learn the underlying skills first. And it takes a hell lot of time to get there. So you'd better start today.

Alright. Enough with the jibber jabber. Here are the

skills you should try to develop BEFORE you quit your job.

Those are the skills you're going to need. Trust me on this one. I didn't have any of those. And I'm still trying to master all of them..

SELL. SELL. SELL

If you've never ever sold anything to a REAL customer in your entire life it will be pretty tough to learn it while you're also trying to build a complex product, service or whatever it is that you're planning to make money with in the future.

Creating art or a product and being able to sell it are two entirely different things. Learn both of them (and especially the second one) before you jump right into quitting your job and being excited about changing the world.

DON'T BUILD THINGS

Don't spend months and months building your world changing product, service, book, art or painting. Instead, get used to creating small things and ship them as soon as possible.

If you're planning on writing a book, don't write a book. Post pieces of it on your Facebook profile. See how people react. If they like it, it'll boost your energy. Then start a blog. Grow your audience. And once you have enough content make a book out of it. It's a lot easier than spending ten years of your life working on something that no one might like at the end of the day.

It will also take away your fear of getting your work out there. Every time you put something out there, people

can judge you and the work you've created and that's pretty damn scary. And the only way to getting used to exposing yourself, of standing naked in front of a large crowd, is by doing it over and over again.

So don't get trapped in your big vision of changing the world, which might end up in you wasting years of your life only because you were afraid of standing in front of a large crowd, naked..

NETWORK

Your network is the most important asset you have. In many cases it's even more important than your product. If you have a great product but no network, you'll end up being ignored by everybody else. Actually, no one will even realize that you exist. On the other hand if you have a shitty product or idea but a great network, your network might help you to turn it into a great product.

LEARN THE TOOLS

Don't just fantasize about that huge Facebook campaign that will go viral. Or your bad ass SEO campaign. Even worse, don't write it down in your business plan without even knowing what the hell you're talking about.

If you've never ever used one of these tools, you pretty much base your entire life on luck. And it's never a good idea to base your life on luck. It's a huge gamble. It's like going to Las Vegas, taking all of your life time savings with you, joining a poker table and you you've never even played a single game of poker in your life..

Whatever you want to do, learn the tools first. And the

rules. You can't change the game if you don't know its rules..

START WITH WHY

At the end of the day we all want to be free. I once talked to someone who manages billions. When I asked him why he does what he does he said that he wants to be free. That he only does it so he could one day say “f*ck you”. I quit. To do what I want to.

We all want to be free. And make enough “f*ck you” money. We all want to be free to do whatever we want to. And I'm not talking about the free where you sit on the couch all day and do nothing. No, I mean the type of free where you only do what you love because you don't have to worry about money anymore.

That kind of freedom.

If you quit your job to start working on something that you think might make you enough money to be free, that's probably a bad reason. Here's the thing:

The probability that you're going to be successful with your own idea, your own product or your own art is almost zero. Also, the time it'll take (5+ years) in case you beat the odds and are successful, will start to feel like an eternity if you only do it to become a free man (or woman).

You need to do it because you love it. Because it's the first thing you think about in the morning. And the last thing you think about before going to bed.

If you don't love it, it will feel just like another job. Like the one you just quit because you hated it. Even worse. Working on your own ideas will then start to

feel like a job but you're not even get paid for it.

Because you'll ALWAYS lose money in the first years doing what your passion is. Or when you start a business.

So if you quit your job and start working on something, make sure that you do it for the right reasons. And money is usually a bad reason. You might never make any money with it.

I quit my job almost three years ago. And I can still barely cover my expenses. And lost a hell lot of money following my passion and doing stuff I love doing. But more on this later.

LOW HANGING FRUITS

If all you want at the end of the day is to become free, to do stuff that really matters, try to look for the easiest way possible. I know this is a hard thing to do in our over-educated society where the most sophisticated, most brilliant and most innovative people get trophies.

Similarly successful people who achieved their success through less innovative and less sophisticated ways will be looked down on. It doesn't matter if the jobs they created or the amount of value they created for society are the same. People will still sort of look down on them.

So if the one thing you want is to be free, free to decide what to do with your life, I'd suggest that you ignore everyone who thinks easy is wrong and look into the easiest ways possible to make some cash. Because you're going to need the cash. And once that thing works out you can start working on that hard thing. Or that charity. Or your passion or what not.

Always keep your eyes open for the low hanging fruits. How do you find them? By learning all of the available tools first (see earlier). By the way, low hanging fruits doesn't mean that it's going to be easy. It's just going to be a little less hard. Because there isn't anything easy out there. And if there ever was, it already stopped working because everybody else is already doing it..

SAVE

Before you quit your job this year, try to save as much money as possible. Because you're going to need it. If you think you'll need 2 months of expenses on your bank account, have 10+ months of cash on it. If you think it'll take a year, make sure you have two years of expenses worth on your bank account.

It will always take a hell lot more money until you reach the point where you want to see yourself in a few months. And what's going to happen if you don't have enough financial resources is that you'll have to do freelancing gigs to pay the bills. And these things ALWAYS consume a lot more time than you think. And then it'll take away your focus from what's really important.

Freelancing is a business in itself already. And starting, managing and mastering two businesses at the same time is never a good idea. The only reason why I didn't have to start freelancing in the past three years was because I worked a very well paid job, for two years, saved almost 80% and once I had enough cash in the bank, I quit. If I didn't do this you would probably not be reading this book..

START MARRIAGES

Use the time you have to connect the people you already know. Don't hoard your contacts on LinkedIn and wait for that one moment where they might come in handy. Because that moment will never come. And in case that moment comes in five years or so, people won't remember you anymore.

Instead, start connecting people. Maybe they'll end up getting married. Maybe they'll make business together and end up making millions. Or maybe they'll just talk shit about you behind your back. It doesn't matter.

What matters is that you make sure they will remember you in case you might need to get in touch in a few years. When you quit your job for example. Or start your own company. Who knows?

BUILD A FAN BASE

Before you quit your job, start building a follower base. Start building the demand for your product before you even have a product. This way you can easily test whether or not the market really needs and wants your product, your art or your service.

Build a simple landing page, send traffic to it and see if people sign up. You can easily do this while you still have your job.

In case you don't know how to send traffic to a landing page or a website, go back to the beginning of this post where I talk about learning the tools you need to succeed.

Or sign up to my free course called *From Zero to Influencer* [here](#) where I explain everything I did over the past few years. Like how I got 45k+ Twitter followers. How I got my first 1k+ email subscribers

and a lot more.

GET PAYING CUSTOMERS

Maybe you can even convert some of your first subscribers into paying customers. That way you know that your idea might work out. You have the first proof that someone is willing to pay money for your idea, product, service or your art.

It's a lot easier to quit your job once you already have paying customers lined up. Once you know your business is not just based on pure assumptions anymore. This can be a really, really comforting feeling.. The easiest way of selling (or pre-selling) your product is a platform called Gumroad. Check it out. I use it all the time.

CONFIDENCE FOR FREE

Not all of us are blessed with the confidence of a Brad Pitt (or the looks). So take every opportunity you get at your current job to get more experienced and gain more confidence.

Because you're going to need it when you're on that stage trying to convince people to buy your product or to invest in your company. Take every opportunity to train these skills inside the "safe" environment at your job. Be the guy or gal that does all the extra work people are afraid of.

Because what's the worst thing that could happen? The worst case is that you lose your job (that's what you wanted anyway, so no big deal). The best case is that people discover your true potential and make you a mind blowing offer for a new and awesome sounding position (sort of a big deal). And if

everything goes according to plan, you won't get fired or crazily promoted and you'll be a lot better prepared for the ride to come. The ride that will follow once you've quit your job. Quitting your job is the easy part. The hard part only starts once you've quit your job..

These are just a few things you could do this year, instead of quitting your job. More to follow. Sure, you can also start doing all of this stuff once you've quit your job. But learning all of these skills will take a hell lot of time and take away your focus from what's really important. Creating your art.

And while you keep your job, start planting all of these small seeds and see which one of these things turns into a strong enough tree. A tree that might feed your family. A tree strong enough so you can quit your job. Maybe this year. Maybe next year. Maybe never..

Why You Shouldn't Quit Your Job NEXT Year Either

Doing all of the above things and trying to get ready for that big leap will take time. A hell lot of time. Planting your seeds and seeing any one of your seeds grow into a big enough tree might take many years. Just like it takes a real tree many years to grow into a strong enough tree.

A tree so strong that it outgrows all the other trees to be in direct sunlight. To reap all of the benefits from

the years of struggle. The years where that tree had to fight hard for every ray of sunlight.

It's very likely that by next year, none of the things you've started might have developed into something big enough that might allow you to quit your job.

That's why you should still not quit your job next year. In case you weren't replaced by algorithms or cheaper workforce by this time next year anyway.

Try to keep your job as long as possible and keep on working on your skills. Or do whatever you want to. But if you still have that safety net, use it. It's likely going to disappear rather sooner than later. Work on improving the things I mentioned earlier while you still can. While you still get a paycheck at the end of the month.

Or move to Asia. Or Africa. And get a job there. That's the future. We're the past. The West is the past. Asia and Africa (and South America) is the future. Sure, most of the money will still come from the US. But the jobs won't be in the US or Europe anymore. Not even the white collar jobs.

Don't think you'll lose your job and get replaced by algorithms or by someone who'll do your job for 1/10 of your salary? What about getting a time machine and asking the folks what they thought about job security during the industrial revolution.

You say this time it's different? Maybe it is. Maybe it isn't. I don't know. But you'd better get ready for whatever is to come next. Whatever that might be. Always expect the best case scenario to happen. But always be prepared for the worst case scenario to

happen. That's the most important rule to live by. And when I say this, what I really mean is that's the most important rule I try to live by.

What I know for sure though is that a company that was able to serve 500mn+ customers globally needed less than 60 employees where just a few years ago you needed thousands of employees. By the way, I'm talking about WhatsApp. But you can replace that name with pretty much every other tech company out there.

And yes, I know that a lot of people out there tell you to quit your job right now and to follow your dream or your passion as a response to the changing job market. To the unstable economic situation.

But I think that's just plain wrong. Not because I think that your job is safe. As a matter of fact, your job is not safe at all. No matter if you're a blue collar, a white collar or a pink collar worker.

Nonetheless, I believe that quitting your job would be one of the worst ideas EVER. What I suggest doing instead is that you keep your job as long as possible and get as much out of it as possible, while you still can.

I wish someone had given me this advice before I quit my job. Because then I would have a lot more cash in the bank right now and would probably worry a few hours less every week.

And trying to get as much out of your employer as possible is just fair. It's not only fair. It would actually be stupid if you didn't. That's what your company is doing with you right now already. They make a profit

with you.

Otherwise they wouldn't employ you and they wouldn't be a business. As simple as that. A business is only a business when it makes money. And it starts already on the micro level. On your level. On your back.

So don't be stupid and quit your job. Don't be stupid and give up your paycheck. Try to keep it as long as you can while developing the necessary skills you need to master to be able to take care of yourself financially in the future. The future where there will only be a very limited amount of jobs and most of us have to find ways to make money on our own.

Don't get me wrong. I don't see the future as a dark place where there won't be any stuff to do anymore. I see it more like a place where there's lots of cool stuff to do but only the ones who master the necessary skills will be able to reap off the benefits of that amazing period that's about to come (and already started a few years ago).

So other than the things I mentioned earlier, here are a few more things you could/should do this and the next year BEFORE you decide to quit your job. All of the things I mentioned earlier are the first step. The things I'm going to mention now are the next step. Or a step in parallel. Or no step at all. It's up to you..

GET THE HIGHEST PAID JOB POSSIBLE

I know this sounds a bit counter intuitive. You'll probably want to start your own business, start drawing or start writing that book and are fed up with working for the man. But the thing is that working for the man is the easiest and fastest way to get some

cash in your pocket.

Trying to make the same amount of cash doing your own show will probably need ten times the effort (and time) than it takes working for the man. That's why you should get the highest paid job you can possibly get. And try to stay there for as long as you can.

And do the best work you possibly can. Because that's how you create real opportunities. Do it until they replace you or you've done the next thing on this list.

Maybe you should even work two or three jobs if you don't have a piece of paper as a proof that you can do x or y (btw I mean a degree). And the thing that will keep you going, the thing that will get you up in the morning is that from now on you have a purpose.

Your purpose is to make as much cash as possible so you can buy yourself some freedom to start your company, to follow your passion, to live your dream, to change the world and to find your real purpose in life or whatever it is that you want to do..

SAVE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN

Following your passion, your dreams and changing the world is expensive. Really expensive. It needs a hell lot of time. Persistence and money. Why money? Well, because life is expensive. And that's the real reason why you should get the highest paid job possible.

And with a job that pays a hell lot of cash you'll be able to save a lot. Make sure that you don't change your lifestyle too much though. Because the more money you're able to save, the more time you'll be

able to buy yourself. The more money you'll have to buy yourself some freedom.

The thing is when you want to make a living following your passion or your dreams you'll have to become one of the best of the best out there. And this takes a hell lot of time. Only the top 1% or so will be able to make a living following their passion.

Same with starting a business. Or creating your art. You have to be one of the best of the best. Only the best of the best will be able to build a successful business. Or sell their art. And make a living with it.

And you need a lot of time to get there. Maybe 4 years. Maybe 5 years. Or maybe 10 years. After almost 3 years now, I still don't make enough cash every month to afford rent in my hometown. So I relocated to Asia. Because it's a lot cheaper. And the longer you're capable of doing what you're supposed to be doing, the higher the probability that it's going to work out.

And when you don't have enough cash in the bank for a few years, you'll just quit. Or go back to freelancing or consulting gigs on the side. You know, the things that end up costing you more time and energy than your current full time gig at that corporation.

And then you will never be able to give your gift to this world. The one thing (or the many things) this world so desperately needs to know about you, hear from you or read about you..

START PLANTING SEEDS

This is probably THE most important thing to do. That's why I mention it over and over again on my

blog or in my books. You should start doing it right now.

Planting your seeds can be done in many different shapes and colors. You introduce two people to one another. Maybe they will fall in love. Or they end up making millions. Or whatever. That's a seed right there.

Learning a new skill is a seed. For example learning how Facebook ads work is planting a seed. Because that's something you'll sooner or later have to figure out. Or Google Ad Words. Or Twitter. Or whatever. That's another seed right there. Plenty of seeds actually.

And for none of these seeds do you need to quit your day job. You can do all of these things while you keep your job. Will it be easy? No, of course not. But a hell lot easier than doing all of this when you don't have a paycheck at the end of the month anymore.

What really matters is that you get out there, show up over and over again and that you start creating your own opportunities, your own luck, instead of waiting for someone else to create opportunities for you.

Because no one will EVER create ANY opportunities for you. Everybody is busy creating their own opportunities. So stop waiting and start creating your own opportunities. Start planting your seeds today..

DON'T HIDE

Most people hide when they're not happy at their jobs. That's what I did as well. Many times. I hope I won't do this ever again.

That's the worst thing you could possibly do. The more you disappear from the radar, the harder it'll be to get back onto the radar.

So try use the momentum while you're still on the radar to get on many more radars so that more and more people will know about you. Your work. What you do. And what you're capable of doing.

Getting back onto the radar without a job is a lot harder than getting back onto the radar when you still have a job. Become the beacon in your company. Introduce everybody to everybody. Send your CV to all sorts of other companies.

Never stop exploring. Never give yourself up.

When you give yourself up at your current job, it'll shine through each and every interview. It'll shine through everything you do. At each and every layer of your life. So instead of letting your frustration shine through become the beacon and let your qualities shine through.

So how do you do that?

Well, the first step is to stop hiding. And by constantly reminding yourself why you do all of this stuff. Why you get up in the morning. And the ONLY reason why you should be doing all of this stuff is to be able to buy yourself some freedom to do what you think or know you should be doing.

You know, the stuff that touches your heart. That stuff. That's the stuff you should be doing. That's the stuff we all should be doing. Our gift(s) to this world. To make this world a better place. No matter how big or small that change..

BUY YOURSELF FREEDOM

This is the last step. Once you've saved enough cash and/or one of the seeds you planted, one of the side businesses you've started has a strong enough foundation so you can think about quitting your job.

But before that all you should think of is working towards this one single goal. Being able to buy yourself some freedom. By milking the cow as long as it still got some milk.

So how do you know when you should quit? How do you know if you have enough cash in the bank? How do you know if a seed is strong enough to support you?

I don't know. Maybe next year. Or the following year. Or maybe in 5 years. Maybe never. The most important thing is to remember why you're on the grind. And the only reason is to get ready to quit that grind. To work towards your freedom by planting seeds and saving some cash.

But this year is definitely not the year where you should buy yourself some freedom. This is the year where you start start paving the road.

Or quit your job tomorrow. Or next week. Or whenever you feel like doing it and are confident enough to pull it all off. After all I have no clue about any of this. I did it completely wrong and quit my job without having planted any seeds before.

Maybe you'll learn from my mistakes. Maybe you won't. It doesn't matter. What matters is that you start figuring out what works for you and what doesn't.

Quitting your job out of the blue is never a good idea. It wasn't for me. Maybe it's for you. I don't know you. But before you do so, check and see if you master some (or all) of the skills I mentioned above. I didn't master any of those when I quit my job.

But whatever turns out to be working for you, all of the above stuff is a good starting point. I think..

The TRUE Cost Of Following Your Passion

I've lost \$200k+ over the past three years following my passion.

That's the real price of following your passion. That's the real price you have to pay when you quit your job just like that. That's the price no one usually talks about.

Because we're all busy selling dreams.

I left my well paid job almost three years ago and went on a journey to follow my passion. My dreams.

Well, not exactly. The first year I spent a lot of time figuring out what my passion might actually be. And after almost three years I still haven't really figured it out, yet.

But I've come closer and have a slight idea of what it might look like. And to be able to buy myself some freedom I had to sacrifice a lot. I sacrificed a job that would have paid \$200k+ (all in) during these almost

three years.

All I was able to make following my passion was less than a tenth of what I'd have made if I stayed at my day job.

Sure, I could have done freelancing or consulting gigs but that would have distracted me too much. At the end of the day this stuff usually takes up more time than an actual day job. Or I could have taken one of the countless jobs that were offered to me.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not saying any of this to complain about it. I love what I'm doing. I love my life. Even though I had to sacrifice a lot. And live on a shoestring ever since.

I don't have a place of my own anymore. No girlfriend. No fancy dinners. No nothing. That's the real price of following your passion. The price no one talks about. Or tries to hide.

And again, I'm not complaining. I just want to put things into perspective. Because a lot of the stuff you read online is just people trying to sell you the dream. Or their product. Or their service. And online fame doesn't translate into cash either.

Some of the books I published and posted on Facebook had 200+ likes, 10+ shares and dozens of comments. How many people ended up buying the book I shared on Facebook? Two..

I also don't say any of this to discourage anyone from following their passion. You absolutely have to follow your passion. Or at least give it a shot and see if you can make it work.

No. That's wrong. You don't have to follow your passion. It's your absolute duty to follow your passion. You owe it to the world. And yourself. The world needs to hear your story. It needs your gift.

All I want to do with this right here is to put all of this "follow your passion" and quit your job BS that's out there into perspective. And yes, I'm part of the problem as well.

There are so many people out there trying to sell you the dream. They want to tell you how awesome it is to follow your passion. How you can create your own freedom. And how to follow your dreams. And that you have to quit your job right now. And some more of this kind of stuff.

Like how amazing it is to work on a beach. You know. All of this digital nomad crap. Where they tell you how awesome it is to be a digital nomad and so on.

I don't know about you. But if you've ever tried working in the sun for like 10 minutes without air con you'd know that it's impossible. You'd be sweating like crazy and wouldn't be able to see what's written on your screen. But that's the stuff that sells. That's the dream.

What being a digital nomad really is all about are many years of super hard work and a lot of loneliness. Until it all works out. In case it ever will work out.

But this story doesn't sell so well.

Most of the time you can buy this freedom and that follow your passion stuff for just 99 bucks a month. Just 99 bucks and you're good. You can go ahead and quit your day job. Total nonsense.

What all of this online freedom stuff really does though is that you're paying for someone else's freedom. But not yours.

When people try to sell you the dream and you buy into it, you put money into other people's pockets and pay for their freedom.

Will it really help you to create your own freedom?

No, probably not. But then again, I don't know. I haven't bought any of those courses. And why should I? Why should I pay for freedom? Isn't freedom supposed to be free of charge?

This shouldn't be a rant either. It should be about putting things into perspective. So the truth about being able to follow your passion is that you need cash. Some serious cash. And a hell lot of time. Which again costs a lot of cash.

And if you think you need 1 year of cash in the bank, you'll probably need ten years worth of cash in the bank. If you think it'll take two years, you'll probably need 5 years of cash in the bank..

Being able to make a living following your passion (or starting your own company that's not a consulting business) will always take a hell lot more time than you might think right now.

I thought I'd make it in the first year. Now almost three years later I can still barely cover my expenses. And again..

The only way you'll ever be able to make a living following your passion is to be one of the best of the best. And to get there you'll need time. A hell lot of

time.

How much time exactly? I don't know. Maybe four years. Maybe five years. Maybe even ten years. But I really hope it's just three years..

So what can you do if you don't have cash in the bank (or rich parents or won the lottery) to buy yourself some time and ultimately some freedom to become the best at your craft? To be able to follow your passion?

Well, there really are only two options. Maybe there are more. But those are the ones I can think of right now.

The first one is that you keep your job as long as possible, try to get as much money out of it as possible, save as much as possible and don't spend money on stupid things. And once you have enough cash in the bank you quit your job. That's what I did.

But this is probably not the best way of doing it. A better way is to start planting seeds while you still get a paycheck at the end of each month. To plant as many seeds as possible. And save as much money as possible while working the job (or many jobs) that pays the biggest salary according to your qualifications. Please, nothing illegal though..

And maybe one day one of these seeds might turn into something that allows you to feed yourself and your family and to quit your job. Maybe not. But that's the only way to go..

And if you're not willing to do any of this, you can still be a nice person and buy one of these courses for 99 bucks a month and help someone else to buy them

some freedom. Which isn't too bad either, after all..

Why People REALLY Say You Should Quit Your Job

Let's face it. We all hate our jobs. Sometimes a bit more. And sometimes a bit less. But at the end of the day, most of us aren't happy with our jobs. And if you're reading this, you're probably not happy with your job either.

And everybody knows this. I know it. We all know it. So it's easy to exploit this knowledge. And that's what a lot of people do. They'll tell you all sorts of BS about following your dreams, following your passion and that you have to quit your job.

Because they know that this is the stuff you want to read. That this is the stuff you want to hear. The stuff you're secretly dreaming about when your boss hands you that next assignment that's due next Friday, on top of the other five soul wrenching and energy sucking assignments.

That's why people write about it. Or talk about it. Because it drives clicks. And traffic. And eyeballs. And eyeballs and traffic and shares mean cash. The more people read that stuff, the more cash those people will make through ads. Courses. Or whatever ways there are to monetize traffic. I know exactly what I'm talking about.

Because this book isn't any different. It just shoots in the other direction. Controversy gets eyeballs as well.

That's how the media world works. The more dreams you're able to sell, the more you touch people's hearts and tell them what they want to hear (or don't want to hear), the more cash they'll make. The more cash people like me will make.

And that's the real reason why so many people out there tell you to quit your job, to follow your passion and to live the dream. That's why you can read about that stuff EVERYWHERE.

Don't get me wrong here. I also believe that you should follow your passion. But the picture that's currently painted (even by successful people) is the wrong picture. It misses too many of the things it really needs to be able to turn your passion or your business into something that will pay the bills.

Simply quitting your job and following your passion or your calling just isn't enough..

So What's My Agenda In Writing This?

We live in confusing times. Times where no one is able to predict anything anymore. Just a decade ago all you had to do is to go college, get a safe job and you'd be good for life. But this time is gone. Nothing is safe anymore these days.

And this makes it harder than ever before to figure out what to do with your life. It doesn't seem smart to get a safe job anymore because there basically aren't any safe jobs left anymore. Most jobs are going to

disappear sooner or later anyway.

So a lot of people are very receptive to all of this go-and-quit-your-job and follow your passion stuff out there. And it sends many wrong signals. It sends the signal that it's going to be easy. That all you have to do is to follow your passion and that's it. But that's not what it's all about.

It's about hard work. Patience. And persistence. You know all of this stuff people never talk about. Because it doesn't sound sexy when you tell everyone that you've worked your butt off for the past 10 years and all you ate during those ten years were ramen noodles.

That sounds like a lot of work. And people don't want to hear this stuff. They prefer to hear the story about that overnight success where everything worked out just fine. Because that's the story we want to hear. That's the story we want to believe in.

But that's just not the truth. So my agenda in writing this is to show you another perspective. The perspective of someone who quit his job, followed his passion, worked really hard and after three years still doesn't see a sign of any overnight success.

My agenda in writing this is to tell you the truth. My truth. And to show you a few alternatives..

Why Should You Even Listen To Me?

You don't have to listen to me. You can do whatever you want to. After all, I did everything wrong. I quit my job without having done any of the stuff I'm now

writing about. And the only reason why I can now write about it is because I did it wrong. And had to learn all of these thing AFTER I quit my job. I guess I learned my lesson. Feel free to piggyback on those lessons learned.

Before I quit my job I didn't learn how to sell. I didn't network inside the company. I didn't know anything about social media. I didn't introduce people to one another. I didn't start a side hustle.

I didn't do any of it. And I had to learn it the hard way. I had to pay the price. I've lost a lot of money learning those lessons. And I wasted a lot of time. Not really wasted, because I can now share my experience with you. So it's not really wasted time. Maybe it'll help you to not make the same mistakes that I did. Maybe it won't.

And yes, you can skip this and continue listening to the overnight success stories, over and over again. The story of the 0.1%. The story of the folks who got it right the first time. I never got it right the very first time. It usually takes me 20-30 times to get something right.

Or you can listen to the story of someone who belongs to those 99.9% who don't get it right the first time. The story of that struggling author. The story of that struggling entrepreneur. The story of that struggling security guard. Or the story of that struggling cook. You know. The story that doesn't sound sexy. The story that doesn't sell well. The true story.

You choose..

10 Things I Learned After I Quit My Job (and wish I knew before)

I wasted a lot of time and money during the first year after I quit my job. I didn't have a clue about anything. And I could easily have done and learned most of the things I did wrong while I still had a job.

It would have saved me many sleepless nights, sorrow and loads of frustration. I really wish I'd known some of these things upfront. Unfortunately, no one told me about any of these things..

#I HAVE NO CLUE ABOUT HOW TO MAKE MONEY

Making money on your own is hard. Especially when you were trained to get a paycheck at the end of each month in exchange for the time you spent sitting in a cubicle. And it takes a hell lot of time to unlearn this.

It takes a hell lot of time to learn how to take care of yourself. How to make money on your own. Without anyone handing you a paycheck at the end of the month. That's probably the hardest thing I had to learn.

A PAYCHECK IS THE BEST THING OUT THERE

A paycheck means freedom. It means that for a while you don't have to worry about where the next paycheck will come from. You don't have to hunt down clients. You don't have to release a new product.

Sure, the real art is to not stagnate, to stay hungry when you get a paycheck. That's the biggest threat

when you get a paycheck at the end of each month. You'll get comfortable. And being comfortable is the enemy of innovation. Of creativity. And the hustle.

Still, everything is so much easier when you get a paycheck at the end of each month..

I HAVE NEVER EXPERIENCED REAL FAILURE

Before I quit my job I never really failed at anything major. And when you don't know how to deal with failure or how to handle potential failure, you might run into trouble if you try to figure it all out once you've quit your job.

That's why you should try to get used to failure and making mistakes while you still have a job. While you still have that safety net. Experiment, tweak and be courageous.

Be that guy. Be that gal who does everything everybody else is afraid of. You don't have anything to lose anyway. You want to quit your job. You might as well learn something before you quit.

The thing is that it takes a hell lot of time to get used to failure. And trying to get used to failure while you're already close to the abyss is very, very tough. When you quit your job and fail, you'll fall into that abyss.

And for many people that's the end. They will never get out of the abyss ever again. They will either stay down there forever or go back to their 9 to 5 grind. If you've never experienced real failure before, exposure yourself to potential failure at your day job every once in a while, while you're still far away from the abyss.

I HAVE NO CLUE ABOUT HOW TO NETWORK

When you have a real job you don't have to network. All you have to do is go for lunch with the same people over and over again and you're all set. Maybe the occasional meeting with someone outside your department.

Needless to say that when I quit my job I didn't have a network. And I didn't have a clue about how to network. So I had to learn all of this after I quit my job. But it's so much easier to do it while you still have a job.

While you can tell people what you're doing. While your company is your credibility. And the title on your name card. It's so much harder to build credibility when you don't have a job. Not to say impossible.

Unless you live in Silicon Valley. Unfortunately, I still don't know how to network properly. So I can't really tell you what to do.

But I found a way to make it work for me. I use the strategy "it's not about who you know, it's about who knows about you." So it's a lot more focused on the stuff you're REALLY doing. On the work you produce. And the way you get it out there. Instead of just networking, pretending that you're doing this or doing that and in reality all you do is useless jibber jabber..

EXPOSURE IS EVERYTHING

Exposure is the currency of the 21st century. If you have an audience and can expose people to that audience, you'll be able to get in touch with almost anyone. If you don't have an audience, if you can't offer exposure, be it to your audience, your company's

CEO or whatever you're screwed.

Everybody who's telling you that you can get in touch with almost anyone just by sending smart messages or writing a smart comment is BSing you. The only thing that matters is exposure. It's sad but it seems to be true.

That's also THE way to network in the 21st century. By offering people exposure in exchange for the stuff you want from them. So make sure that you're working on building your audience BEFORE you quit your job. I didn't do that and had to spend a lot of time doing exactly that after I quit my job.

NO ONE WILL MAGICALLY DISCOVER YOU

Getting discovered is never ever going to happen. No matter how good you are. No matter how amazing your work is. Even some of the best musicians and pop idols out there had to send their demotapes to hundreds of record labels. Or uploaded hundreds of videos to YouTube before they were discovered.

It's all about showing your work and building that audience. Ideas don't spread. You need to make them spread. And you don't need to quit your job for that.

What I do almost every day to spread my work is that I add 1000 people on Twitter. Some of them follow back. Some of them don't. Some of them read my stuff. Most of them don't.

But if only one person a day becomes a fan of your work, that's already 365 people a year. And they might tell their friends about you. And then they might tell their friends about you. And all of a sudden you end up with thousands of fans..

CONSISTENCY

Whatever you do, the more often you do it, like every day, the better you'll get at it. This is an absolute no brainer. But it took me more than two years to figure it out. Ever since I write every single day, I lose a lot less time because I eliminate all other decisions and questions around it.

Questions like is this stuff good enough? When should I publish it? What should I write about and so on. If you do it every day, like writing or shooting videos for example, you won't think about all of this useless stuff. You'll just do it. And then you can focus your energy on the stuff that really matters.

PERSISTENCE IS NOT THE SECRET SAUCE

A lack of other options is the real secret sauce. Because if you don't have any other options, if you have to make it work, you'll have to do everything to make it work. You'll have to hustle. And do things you'd otherwise never do. You have to succeed. No matter what it takes. Because there is no other choice. I really wish I'd understood this earlier. Because then I would have burned a lot more bridges and would have closed a lot more doors a lot earlier.

OVERNIGHT SUCCESS TAKES 10+ YEARS

There's a good story and a real story behind every overnight success. The good story is the one you read about online or hear in the news. The one that sounds like a dream come true. And then there's the real story.

Like that story of AirBnB where the founders traveled around the US visiting each and every apartment

owner individually to convince them about offering their homes to strangers. For a few years. And then they had to do the same thing with the people they wanted to book nights at those stranger's homes through a platform called AirBnB.

The moment you hear about these success stories is usually the time when all of the hard work was already done..

BUILD YOUR ONLINE TRIBE

Everybody says that you're the average of the five people you surround yourself with. I always thought that this advice was useless. Because if you're the average of the five people you surround yourself with, those smart people will never hang out with you. And if they did, they would lose all of their smarts.

It took me a while to really understand this and what it really meant. Just last year I figured out how to make it work for me. I stopped consuming content, be it blog posts, podcasts or any other type of content and started focusing on three key people (Seth Godin, James Altucher, Gary Vaynerchuk).

I only consumed their stuff. This eliminated a lot of conflicting advice that only held me back and I started seeing a lot clearer. I really wish I'd found my online tribe a few years ago already.

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Those were ten things I wish I figured out and knew before I quit my job. There are a lot more. But those were the ten things I could think of right now. And I'm getting really tired now. So before you quit your job this year, consider taking a second look at this..

If You Still Insist On Quitting Your Job

If you still insist on quitting your job, feel free to do so. You can do whatever you want to. Just try to keep a few of the things in mind I mentioned so far. Maybe some of them might help you along the road.

I know that a job you hate can suck all the energy out of you. I've had all my energy sucked out of me as well in the past. And I still do things that suck all the energy out of me today. Like editing my books.

But before you quit your life sucking job, consider this. Consider doing more of the things that give you energy. For a while. Here's the thing..

The older we get, the more we tend to only do the things that suck all the energy out of us. That suck all the life out of us. Of you. Of me. Of all of us. And we stop doing the things that give us energy. We never take the time to recharge our batteries.

Some time in our twenties (sometimes even earlier) we start doing all of these things we don't really enjoy doing. I really hope that doing all of these things will stop again some time in your forties. I really do..

In our twenties and thirties we tend to do things that are against our nature. Things we do to climb a ladder we don't really care about that much. Things we do to pay our dues. And the bills. And to keep up..

Things like working on that assignment that won't get anyone anywhere. Not the client. Not the company. But maybe your boss.

Things like polishing that power point presentation for another two weeks even though it was already

perfectly fine on day three.

Things like creating that weekly or daily report just because it's part of the annual review. Even though no one reads that report anyway.

Things like that weekly or maybe even daily meeting where you basically talk about the same things over and over again without ever reaching an agreement.

You know, all of these things that drive you mad. The things that drove me mad back then. And still do. The things that suck all the energy out of you. Out of me. Out of all of us.

After a day like this I felt more exhausted than I feel after running 15k. All I could do back then was to sit down on my couch, turn on the TV and fall asleep only to wake up at 3am with my work clothes still on.

And I guess that this is the single most important reason why most people hate their jobs. Why I hated my job. Why the entire world hates their jobs. And all of this follow your passion jibber jabber makes it even worse.

We do too many of the things that suck all the energy out of us. And we don't do any of the things that give us energy anymore. Like going for a walk in the park. Like having meaningful conversations (without getting drunk). And many more things.

And the only way to enjoy your life some more is to do more of those things. Because if you quit your job and AGAIN don't do any of those things that give you energy you might end up hating that new thing as much as you hated the old thing.

And if you say you're too busy and don't have any time to go for a walk or to do things that give you energy, maybe you should think about things you could stop doing. Like reading. Like reading this book.

Or blog posts that want to tell you to quit your job. That's your first few hours right there. And then you need to keep on adding more minutes. More minutes to spend on doing stuff that gives you energy..

40 Alternatives To Quitting Your Job

This is not going to be rocket science. It's merely a reminder of something you might know already. I'm sure you're consciously aware of most of it already.

We know most of the things we should be doing. But we try to ignore them for as long as we can. And being consciously aware of them and really doing them is something else entirely. Maybe this list will help you to break free. To break free from not only knowing all of this stuff but to start acting on all of this stuff.

I know it's tough to get started with anything new. It's ALWAYS super scary. And there's always a reason why we haven't done these things. It's not so much about failing but about succeeding. Because we don't know what's going to happen when we succeed. Success means change. And change is the thing we hate the most. So it's not so much about failure. Because when you fail, you'll go back to that point you've been before. No big changes.

So before you quit your job try to do a few things you've been scared of in the past. A few things you thought you were too busy to do. A few things you thought you might not be good at. A few things you thought you might never ever in your life be able to

do. What do you REALLY have to lose? Right. Nothing.

So screw this. This is your life. And you only have this one life. Make it count. Make it memorable. Make it a story worth telling. A movie worth watching. A book worth reading.

None of the things below will help you. Well, maybe they will. I don't know. I know that they helped me to go from zero to one hundred. They've helped me to go from stuck to being unstuck. They've helped me to unleash my potential. And you can do it while you still have your job.

Most of the things you're about to read are the things I did over the past three years. Some of them I did. Some of them I want to do in the future. Some of them I will never do. And some of them I will do every day. Or already do every day.

All of these things changed my life forever. Not only did they change my life forever, they constantly keep changing my life for the better. Every little thing I started doing in this list helped to get more out of my comfort zone. Helped me to become a tiny bit more of the person I want to be. The person I really am.

Whatever you do once you're through with this list, try to think about your own list. This is my list. Not your list. And once you've done your list, then just start doing these things. Make your own 40, 60 or 100 alternatives to quitting your job. Things you can do while you keep your job. Things that give you energy. Things that bring you to your next level. But whatever you do. Never stand still.

Try to keep your job for at least a year and do some of the things I'll mention below. And do the things I wrote earlier. I'll guarantee you that you won't even be

thinking about quitting your job after that one year. Because you might have created your own job. You might have gotten dozens of job offers already. Maybe you might even have found your future wife. It doesn't matter. What really matters is consistency. To do something EVERY day. Or at least every second day. For an entire year. And if it doesn't work out, you've not only learned a hell lot about yourself but you'll also have learned a few things that might come in handy in the future. So let's go..

START A BLOG

I know. Not everyone is a writer. I'm not a writer either. And I never have been. I almost failed high school because my essays were so bad. I was a really bad student back then. I think I'm still a bad writer. But it doesn't matter. What matters is that you write about something you're passionate about. About something you're good at. About something where people read your stuff and they'll be like „yapp, that's someone who's authentic, who's writing about the stuff he really loves doing.“ Be that person!

WRITE A BOOK

Don't write an entire book. That's too time consuming and too much of a struggle. Take your blog posts and make a book out of them instead. Add an introduction, an end, some parts that are missing, add a few headlines, get a cover designed on Fiverr.com and put it on Amazon.

No need to write an entire book. Split it in small pieces. And publish them everywhere. Publish them

on your blog. On your Facebook profile. On Medium. Everywhere. That's what I do all the time. Most of my books consist of blog posts I've published online before already. Just like this book right here. It's mostly blog posts I've written in the past.

It doesn't matter. What matters is that you start building an audience. But don't tell people that you're going to make a book out of it. Just write. And once you have enough material make a book out of it. Make it the book of your life. The story of your life..

SELL YOUR DREAMS

A while ago I met Kate and Paul. They've started 12 companies, visited 24 countries and all of this in just 12 months. So when I asked Kate and Paul how they got the initial financing for their adventure (~ €15k for two people) they told me that they've sold everything they had. Paul even sold his Porsche. A dream he was working towards to for more than 12 years.

Paul is from Liverpool. And Kate from a small town in Australia. I want to talk a bit about Paul's story here. Even though Kate's story is equally interesting. Paul doesn't have a degree. He didn't finish school. But he had a dream. Computers and IT. So he absorbed everything about computers he was able to get his hands on. Like a sponge. To land a job in the IT industry in London.

His dream has always been to live and work in London. And to own a Porsche. Now in his mid thirties he has achieved all of this. And he found his secret sauce. He found Kate. And Paul is Kate's secret sauce also.

Paul achieved everything he could ever have

dreamed of in his mid thirties But he just didn't stop here. He kept on dreaming. He kept on dreaming big. He kept on pushing the limits. Most people just stop dreaming at one point in their lives. But Paul didn't. He kept on pushing. Just like Kate.

Most people stop dreaming because they feel like wow, I'm so grateful to have achieved all of this. So we don't ask the universe for more. We don't let the universe know what we want anymore. And as a result we stop working towards it. So most people just stop there.

People stop dreaming once they got that degree from that prestigious school. People stop dreaming once they've landed their dream jobs. People stop dreaming once they published that first book. Most people just stop dreaming once they've achieved anything remarkable. Don't get me wrong here. It's ok to stop dreaming and pushing for more. You can live a perfectly amazing life doing none of these things. But this is about people getting stuck. And not about people living a perfectly happy life.

And once you've reached all of these goals in your life, when you realize that you've set your goals too low and achieved all of these things you never thought possible, many people get stuck. Sooner or later. And they'll stop dreaming.

And whenever you stop dreaming, whenever you stop working towards something bigger you might get stuck. But there is a way out. There's a way to keep on dreaming. It comes at a steep price though. A price most people are not willing to pay.

And Paul, this ordinary guy from Liverpool showed me how to find a way out of this dilemma without even noticing it. Well, I think he didn't notice it. Or maybe he

knew exactly what he was saying. I don't know.

But what I know for sure is that Paul (and Kate) showed me, us and the entire world a way out of getting and feeling stuck in life. A way out of being not happy. A way out of feeling miserable (I don't know if they really felt miserable. I just added that). A way how to keep on dreaming. How to keep on pushing. How to unleash your full potential and how to bring your life to the next level.

Paul sold his dreams. That's what enabled him to keep on dreaming. Wait a minute? He did what? That sounds just wrong. Yes. That's what Paul did. And Kate. And that's what it's all about.

Paul sold his Porsche. His big dream. And he quit his job in London. His other big dream. He gave up pretty much everything he had worked very hard for over the past 12 years. He sold his dreams. He sold his dream car and gave up his dream job. And all of this just to maybe get a shot at being able to keep on living his dream.

And that's the price most people are not willing to pay. Most people will never give up the things they had to fight hard for. They will never sell their dreams once they've achieved them.

The fear of loss is bigger than anything else. And that's when most of us get stuck in life for no apparent reason. We're stuck in old dreams. In the past. Forever. But leaving the past behind and pushing your boundaries over and over again is the only way to keep on dreaming. To get unstuck. And to not get stuck in the first place.

And that's the only way you'll ever be able to get to the end of the rainbow. To find that pot of gold at the end of your rainbow..

ORGANIZE A MEETUP GROUP

The best, easiest and quickest way to build your network is to organize a local meetup group. All you have to do is to join [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com) and create your group. It's an online platform that allows you to organize offline events. If you're too shy and have no clue how this might look like, go and join a few other meetups in your area first and see how they do it.

They have hundreds of local groups for almost every city on this planet earth. And if there's no such group about what you're interested in, just launch that group. You can start a group there with meetings around your passion, around your area of expertise, around your hobby or whatever. There really are no limits. And then invite the folks you know to come and join. Get in touch with your friends. Your LinkedIn contacts and pretty much anyone you know who might be interested in it.

It's a fun way to get to know new people, to network or to get in touch with people you could end up making business with. It doesn't matter. What matters is that you get going, meet new people, talk about new things and get out of your comfort zone. Over and over again..

START A CONFERENCE

A friend of mine worked for a company and organized events for them. And at one point he started organizing his own events. His biggest customer, the folks who now buy most of the tickets from him is his old company.

Now you don't have to start organizing a conference. But if you've already started organizing small events on meetup.com you might as well start leveraging the contacts you've made there.

You only need to make it a bit bigger, invite a few more speakers and you're good to go. That's exactly what my friend did. He organized events for this company, built his network and then started his own events. Now does some of the most successful events in Germany.

JOIN TWITTER

Don't have a Twitter account yet? Get one as soon as you can. And try to figure out how it works. It's a super powerful tool. Probably one of the most powerful social media tools out there. And it's tough. Really tough. And because it's so tough everybody says it's going to do. Which is not true. And because everyone is saying that it's over, there are tons of untapped opportunities.

It's very hard to understand the small nuances of Twitter. To understand how it really works. And the only way to figure out how it works is to spend some time using it. Make sure that you understand how it works BEFORE you need it.

Because if you're trying to figure out how it works once you need it, once you've launched your company or want to sell your art, it's probably already too late to start understanding it.

I've used Twitter for more than two years now. And it changed my life. Most of the people find me through Twitter. Today, it's all about being part of and understanding the future. Or start using Snapchat.

Build up a following there. Be a part of the future. Don't hold onto the past..

CREATE ART

Whatever it is you're doing, try to do more of the things that give you energy. Maybe you loved painting when you were a kid. Maybe you loved creating weird sculptures. It doesn't matter. What matters is that you go back to doing things that give you energy instead of constantly doing things that suck all the energy out of you.

Let's be honest here for a minute. Most of the things we do at our job are things we don't enjoy doing and we don't want to be doing. Fair enough. So it's necessary to give ourselves some time to do things we enjoy doing. If we don't it'll be a vicious circle and we'll get more and more frustrated doing stuff we don't enjoy doing.

Do you create intangible things at work? Like getting a piece of paper from location A into a computer or to another location? Do you create slides all day long and never see any results or what happens after you drew those fancy slides?

Start creating something more tangible. Something you can touch. Something where you can see results. Right away. I guess that's THE most important thing. It seems to be a basic human need. To create something, to do something that doesn't end up in a drawer and will never ever be seen again..

LEARN THE RULES

Too many people want to change the game. But most

people don't want to learn the rules. But how the heck do you want to change the game if you don't even know its rules? This might work in Disneyland but not in the real world where there are laws and all of this stuff. Learn the rules first to find loopholes. To understand how the system REALLY works. So you can game the system and exploit the loopholes.

START A SIDE HUSTLE

A side hustle is a small business you can start on the side. The goal is to relearn how to make money when you're on your own. Because that's what we've unlearned over the past few decades. We were so used to getting a paycheck that once we're on our own, once we're not employed by someone anymore we have no clue about how to take care of ourselves. And to learn this again, to be able to take care of ourselves without having to rely on a paycheck, a side hustle is a great way to get you started. You could do all sorts of things. You could start selling your old stuff on Ebay. Or you could join my email list [Side Hustle Ideas](#), where I introduce different ways of making money on the side with business ideas you can start today for less than \$100..

CREATE A MEDIUM PUBLICATION

One of the most valuable currencies these days is exposure. If you're able to get someone exposure, everything will be so much easier. They'll come on your podcast. They'll agree to that meeting. Or

whatever. Unfortunately, exposure is very hard to build.

A great way to build an audience and exposure (for others and yourself) is a [Medium](#) publication. At least as of writing this. Medium is one of the most popular blogging platforms these days. People write about all sorts of different things. Life lessons. Productivity hacks. Self help. Startups. Art. You name it.

So instead of writing your own stuff on Medium (or on top of it), start a publication and invite people to write for your publication. If you like a writer or a specific post, simply click on their profile and check out their Twitter profile.

Then send them a tweet and ask them if they want to get featured on your publication. This way you'll not only get more views for your publication, but you'll be able to get in touch with inspiring authors, entrepreneurs, artists or what not.

STOP PRETENDING TO BE BE BUSY

While you were busy reading about habits of successful people, they were busy working on their successes. While you were busy reading other people's life stories, they were busy creating them. While you were busy watching the news, they were busy making it into the news. While you were thinking about changing the world, they were busy changing the world. While you were busy reading other people's books, they were busy writing them. So stop pretending to be busy all the time and start doing..

START A PODCAST

This is pretty obvious. Especially after you've started a Medium publication. Or your own website. If you're already offering exposure to people and they published something on your site, they'll likely be open to coming on your podcast as well. And the good thing about it is that people will start associating you with those people. So if you have someone famous on your show, people will associate you with that famous person. There really isn't any better and faster way of building credibility.

That's one of the best ways to build your network. That's what I do all the time. Every time I see someone interesting who reads my blog I just reach out to them. And to bring it to the next level I did exactly this. I started a publication on Medium. With the only purpose of building my network. To offer some more successful people exposure. Exposure in exchange for association (in people's heads).

JOIN AMAZON AFFILIATE

[Amazon Affiliate](#) is the easiest way to learn how online businesses work. Once you've joined you can use all products Amazon offers and put them on your site, share them with your Twitter followers or your friends on Facebook. And every time someone clicks on one of your links and ends up buying that product, you'll get a commission of up to 10%.

The options are endless. You could build all sorts of businesses around it. A website with shoes. With clothing. Electronics. Food. Yes, Amazon also sells food. If you don't know how to put together a website, I put together a tutorial where I show you [how you can quickly create your own website in just a few minutes](#)

[for less than \\$100.](#)

And the best part about Amazon Affiliate? You don't have to mess around with sourcing products, shipping, quality issues or sending hundreds of emails back and forth with buyers. Amazon will take care of everything! All you have to do is to provide clicks. It's a 100% risk free way of starting a small business on the side without all the hassle.

The way it works is that Amazon adds a short code to each of the links you share that will tell Amazon that the clicks came from you. And if someone ends up buying a product, you'll get up to 10%. That's the fastest, easiest and safest way of learning and understanding how online businesses REALLY work..

GIVE TALKS

Giving talks is one of the most underrated things out there. We try to run away from it when we have a job. Whenever we're asked to give a talk in front of an audience, we feel like peeing our pants. But you know what?

Being a good public speaker is THE most essential thing out there. For EVERYTHING. If you want to start your own business, you need to be a good public speaker to convince investors, business partners and customers. If you want to be an artist, you need to be able to present your work in words. If you want to be a good writer, you need to be able to talk in front of an audience. It'll help you to become a better writer. And storyteller.

And if you wait to become a good storyteller until you've quit your job, it might already be too late. No

one is good at anything right away. We all suck at everything new at beginning. And it's a lot better to improve your skills in a low stake environment, instead of a high stake environment where everything depends on that one pitch. Because once you've quit your job, pretty much everything will be a high stake moment.

So make sure to use EVERY opportunity you get to give talks in public. Whenever someone's looking for someone to present the new results, do it. Whenever someone has to give a talk at your company, be that someone. Join your local [Toastmaster](#) community. Another low risk environment where you can present and get feedback from people who have been giving talks for decades. It's a non profit organization. They are everywhere and in almost every country and city in the world. You can check out their website [here](#). If they don't have a chapter in your city, start it.

JUST KEEP GOING

When you keep getting rejected, just keep going. When you can't seem to find your better half, just keep going. When no one offers you a job, just keep going. When no one applauds after your talk, just keep going. When no one laughs at your jokes, just keep going. When no one reads your blog, just keep going. When you want to give up and stop going, just keep going. Whatever you do. Always keep going.

And never stand still. Never stop walking. And never stop going. Ever. It's so much harder to get back up again and start walking again once you've stopped walking for a few weeks. Or months. Or maybe even years. Your muscles will atrophy and you won't be

able to walk properly anymore. So whatever you, never ever stop going. Just keep going. Always. I know it's tough. I struggle with it every time. And just the other day I had to remind myself of this again. Because it's the only way. It's the only way to success, happiness and love.

The only difference between someone who found success, happiness or love in life compared to someone who didn't, is that the person who didn't find any of it just gave up at one point. They stopped going..

LAUNCH A WEBSITE

You can do the same thing you did on Medium with a website. But it's a lot harder to build up traffic for a website and so much harder to build a website. Still, if you're insisting on starting your own website to give exposure to others, feel free to do so. And then start reaching out to writers you enjoy reading. Or entrepreneurs you like you. Or artists you like.

Ask them if they want to publish their blog posts on your site. You'll be surprised about how many authors will agree to this. Because everybody is looking for exposure. Don't worry if you can't get the big names. Small names are fine as well. Start with smaller names. They will help you grow your site. And once your site is bigger, ask the big shots.

LEARN AN INSTRUMENT

This might not help at all. Maybe it will. I don't know you. It might be something that gives you energy. Maybe it won't. But if you enjoyed playing an

instrument while you were a kid, I'm sure that it'll do the exact same thing again. Or if you always wanted to learn how to play the guitar. Go and learn how to play the guitar. You will probably not become a rockstar. But what's going to happen is that you're slowing down for a bit. That you'll stop the better, faster and stronger mindset that the corporate world injected into our brains. It might be some food for your soul.

DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

When you constantly read the same life hack posts everybody else is reading, you'll be doing the same stuff everybody else is doing. And you'll become like everybody else. Sooner or later. When you constantly read the same books (or websites) everybody else is reading, you'll become like everybody else. You'll be thinking like everybody else. And when everybody thinks the same way that's pretty much the end of creativity and innovation. When you apply for the same jobs everybody else is applying to, you'll automatically have to fit in. You'll have to meet the criteria or you're out. You have to fit in the box. Your box? Probably not.

When you're obsessed with getting feedback, you'll sooner or later stop doing everything that defines you. Like that cute giggle of yours. Or that loud laugh of yours. Or the way you sneeze. You know. All of these small things that define you as a person. The things the client can't stand.

When you check your analytics all the time and only 2% of the people finish reading your blog posts, you'll feel like something is wrong. And you'll change the

way you write. The way you speak. And your voice. To please more people. And to increase that number.

But whenever you try to please everybody, the boss, the client, the readers, your mom, your dad or society, you'll lose your true voice. Your true inner self. You'll lose your true fans. Those 2%. And you'll end up sounding like everybody else who sounds like everybody else.

And then you'll be competing with everybody else who's competing with everybody else. And this competition is getting tougher and tougher. Because more and more people from all over the globe join the race of fitting into boxes.

So every once in a while try to read outside that box. Try to live outside that box for a while. And try to work outside that box every once in a while. Make sure that the ladder you're climbing up is your ladder. And not someone else's ladder. Try to create your own box (or your own set of boxes) before you get trapped in a box you never really wanted to fit in the first place. It's tough. A lot tougher than fitting in.

ORGANIZE NETWORKING DINNERS

Networking events can be very exhausting. People run around hunting down people. A dinner for example is a lot more intimate. And YOU can decide who'll be there and who won't. Just invite a few people you think might get along with each other. Not necessarily only business folks. Folks from all sorts of different areas of life. Invite your friends. Tell them to invite some of their friends and see what happens.

Maybe you'll meet someone interesting. Maybe you won't. But at least you've tried. And didn't spend

another night on Netflix. I know, this isn't rocket science. Everybody can do this. But almost nobody does it.

If you're serious about it, you can grab a copy of a book called *Mastermind Dinners*. It's written by a guy who started off with a few dinner invitations and quickly became one of the most connected people in the US. Even if you don't want to do anything like this, it's still an interesting and entertaining read.

START A FACEBOOK FAN PAGE

You don't need to have a product. Just start a page about whatever you're interested in. Try to understand how it works. And most importantly, see how pretty damn hard it is to build up traction on Facebook. Do it in a low risk environment when you still have your job. Experiment, iterate and tweak it. Learn how it works BEFORE you start your own company. Or start selling your art. Or whatever.

Because Facebook is THE most powerful tool out there. And not just to get in touch with your friends. But for selling your products. Did you know that Facebook allows you to target people according to what they like?

If you're working for BMW and you want to steal male customers between the age of 45-50 from Mercedes you can serve them an ad on Facebook. Or if someone likes Red Bull you can serve them an ad from Rockstar energy drink. Or if I wanted to get more readers I could target people who like Seth Godin. Or James Altucher. Or Gary Vanyerchuk.

Facebook is THE most powerful advertising channel out there. You can basically serve someone who's

sitting in a hut somewhere in Africa who's on his mobile phone an ad for Coca Cola.

ANSWER QUESTIONS ON QUORA

[Quora](#) is the world's biggest question & answer platform. It's like Wikipedia with the only difference that anybody can answer (and ask) questions. And anybody can read the answers. And some of the answers are really, really, really good. Oh and people like the founder of Wikipedia also answer loads of questions on Quora.

Why would you want to answer questions on Quora? I don't know. Maybe you know something interesting about something interesting and want to share it with the world. Even if you don't, you can use it to improve your writing skills. Or just to learn a hell lot about stuff that's relevant to you. Or you could use it for marketing purposes. It doesn't matter. As for myself, I post my blog posts there as well. And already have more than 1.2mn views on Quora.

START A BOOK CLUB

Take notes of the stuff you read. Maybe just mark interesting stuff with your Kindle. And then put your thoughts out there. On a website. On your Facebook profile. Or wherever.

Not only will this help you to remember the stuff you've just read (which is always super tough), but you can also start some sort of book club. Simply start posting the stuff you've read and the notes you took on Facebook. See what people say. See if they like it. If people like it, go ahead and create a website. And

publish it on other platforms. Start building an email list where you send out your notes once a month. And once you have a big enough audience you can use Amazon affiliate links (see earlier) and get 10% commission on every book that was sold through your link. Or start using affiliate links right away to see if you're able to make a little money on the side.

DO MORE BAD WORK

90% of my blog posts suck. An even bigger number of my podcast episodes suck (not my guests fault though). Same with my YouTube videos. And my books. I don't do it on purpose. It's just the way it is. And you know what? I don't even care about it. The only thing that matters is to take away the pressure. The pressure of always having to deliver perfect work. Creating perfect work is a vicious circle. As well as never making mistakes. And always being right.

If you always deliver perfect work, the pressure will get bigger and bigger. The pressure of delivering perfect work will crush you, sooner or later. And this will kill your creativity, sooner or later. You'll always do the stuff you know that works. You'll never try something new. Because the danger of failing is just too big. The danger of screwing up is too big. And then you'll stop reinventing yourself. Until doing the same thing over and over again bores the hell out of you. Until you bore the hell out of yourself.

But why is it like this? Why are we humans like this? Why do we stop reinventing ourselves once we found something that works? I don't know. I really don't know. But I think it's just the way we humans roll.

When we become good at something or find

something that works, we don't want to screw it up. It already took so much time to find just that one thing that works. So we do everything we can to not screw it up. What usually happens though when you do everything you can to not screw up is that you'll definitely screw up. And when I say you, I'm basically talking about myself.

So instead of trying to always deliver perfect work, instead of trying to always be right, try to experiment. Try to reinvent yourself. Try to screw up every once in a while. Do more bad work every once in a while. It'll take away the pressure.

And most importantly try to accept the fact that no one will ever be able to constantly deliver perfect work. That's the only way to REALLY figure out what works and what doesn't. That's how you take away the pressure that will sooner or later crush you. That's how you learn the most. By doing and accepting your bad work..

LEARN SOMETHING NEW & DOCUMENT IT

Learn something completely new. Something you've always wanted to do but were too afraid to. Or were too busy. And let's face it. Most of the time we're not that busy (otherwise you wouldn't be reading this book). It's just that most of the time we just don't want to. Or it's not important enough. So use that time where you pretend to be busy to learn something new. And share your progress online. Tell people what tools you use. What videos you watched. What worked and what didn't.

Build a community around it. A community of other people who are passionate about learning what you're

currently learning. Exchange thoughts. Give feedback. And who knows. If you're successful you could write a book about how you've learned to play the guitar in 21 days. How you started a business and were profitable in 2 months. How you did this or how you did that. Maybe it'll even turn into a career. Who knows. Even if nothing comes out of it, in a worst case scenario you've learned something you've always wanted to learn. In a best case scenario you could teach people how to code, how to write or how to draw online. There are loads of platforms where you can even make money on the side teaching people what you've just learned. Platforms like Udemy for example.

GO PART TIME

Sometimes going part time might change everything. Maybe you just need a little distance from it all. Ask if you can go part time for a little while. And if this doesn't change a thing, if you still hate your job, you can go ahead and quit it. Try to use the additional time to do some of the things on this list. Or create your own list of things (see later).

START A YOUTUBE CHANNEL

This is probably one of the hardest things on this list. It was a huge challenge for me as well. I was so scared to do this that I even preferred talking to a real audience instead. I gave more than 50 talks in public before I was confident enough to start my own YouTube channel. And it's really true what they say. The bigger the challenge, the bigger the learning. When you force yourself to talk in front of a camera

without any notes, this is scary as hell. But the payoff will be so much bigger than you might think. It makes you a better person in so many different ways. You'll become a better storyteller. You'll get better at articulating your thoughts. At public speaking. At pretty much everything. Don't be afraid to give it a try. Shoot a few first couple of videos. You don't have to upload them. Just shoot 20 of them. Then take a look at them in private. See what you could improve. And then do some more.

Again, the more often you do something, the better you'll get. That's why I forced myself to write and publish one blog post a day. While writing this, I also decided to make one video for every blog post I publish. The same content but just saying it in front of a camera. It's so much easier to talk in front of a camera once you've written the same stuff already. I'm on day two now..

STOP WAITING. START CREATING

We wait for opportunities to magically show up. We wait for things to magically happen while we sit at home and wait for better times. While we wait for more opportunities. For better opportunities. We wait for that promotion to happen that we've been promised two years ago. We wait for the support for that one project we pitched last year that everybody loved. We wait for the call from that girl we met three weeks ago. We wait for people to find out about our hidden talents. We wait for that call from that investor who told us they'll get back in touch in two weeks. We wait for that guy at the bar to come over to talk to us until he leaves.

We wait for others to tap into our strengths and to unleash our potential. But the truth is that none of these things will ever happen. No opportunity will magically appear right in front of you. No one will ever create any opportunities for you. Because everybody else is busy creating their own opportunities..

START A BLOG ABOUT YOUR PASSION

Start a blog about something you're passionate about. Maybe you're passionate about successful people. Start a blog and share everything you learn about successful people. Are you passionate about photography? Start a blog about photography. Are you passionate about beautiful women? Start a blog dedicated to beautiful women. Are you passionate about great meat? Start a blog about meat. It doesn't matter what you're passionate about. If you're REALLY passionate about something it will bleed through. It will bleed through the way you write about it. The way you talk about it.

But don't do it for the money. The money is just the second or third step. Or maybe the fourth. If you're passionate about thinking, start a blog where you share your thoughts. That's what I do. That's why I started my blog rethinking the now. And then I put all of my thoughts I published on my blog in 2015 into a book called "[Think. Again!](#)" Did it make me rich? Was it a bestseller? Hell no! But now I have a book published with more than 450 pages and more than 150 essays. With almost no extra effort. Just by sharing my thoughts online. In case you want to know how to make sure people find out about what you do, I started an online course called From Zero to

Influencer. You can sign up [here](#). It's free..

KEEP MOVING

Whatever it is you're doing, you should never stop moving. You should always keep going. It's so much harder to get back up again if you stayed in bed for a few weeks. Or months. Or whatever.

Your muscles will atrophy and you might not be able to get back up ever again. The same with jobs. If you quit your job it's so much harder to get another job. And the longer you're without a job, the harder it'll get to find another job. But if you always keep moving, if you keep learning new things, new skills and meet new people you'll increase not only your value but also the way you feel about yourself.

I usually I hate myself for not doing anything for days and days. And then I usually feel bad about myself. And this keeps the downward spiral going. Forever. And getting out of that spiral is really, really tough. Sure, a few lazy days never hurt nobody. But make sure that overall, you're getting better every single day. Every week. Every year. Even if you just improve a tiny little bit every day, it'll all add up. Every small improvement will add up over time and you'll be an entirely different person one year from now. GUARANTEED.

CONNECT PEOPLE

Try to connect all sorts of people you might think could get along. Do this for an entire year. You could connect some of your colleagues to some of your friends. Some of your friends to some of your

business partners. It doesn't matter. Introduce people from the same field. People who might have some synergies. People who might be competitors. Introduce potential girlfriends to your friends. Or business partners. Become a connection beacon. And see some tangible results. What matters is that people start to know about you. It's not really about who you know. It's about who knows about you.

How to you make sure that people know about you? By doing all or some of the above. It'll take time that's for sure. If you still have your job, you don't have too much pressure. Build your network while you don't have too much pressure. But never forget that you have to start doing this NOW. Otherwise you'd have to start building your network (or audience) after you've quit your job. And then it might already be too late. P.S. Before you introduce people ask both parties first if they're interested in getting in touch. And tell them why you think they should get in touch. Otherwise you might destroy your network because people might not even want to get introduced to the other person. So do the work first. And don't let others do the work.

READ BOOKS

When I was down on my knees, lost and quit my job in 2013 I read three books. I read 50+ more books. But those three were the most important ones. The other ones were pretty much useless.

1. The power of Now by Eckhart Tolle
2. Choose Yourself by James Altucher
3. Love Yourself like your life depends on it Kamal Ravikant

That's enough. Read the first two books. And if you

can take it, read the third book as well. You don't need to read more books. That's all you need to read this year. And when I say you, I mean I.

ENJOY THE RIDE

Sometimes we make too many plans. And plans take away flexibility. And when we stop being flexible, we stop seeing other opportunities along the way. Because we're too focused on our goals. It's like putting on blinders for everything else that's not goal related. And that's when we usually miss out on some of the biggest opportunities out there. So every once in a while, try to put away your plans and just enjoy the ride. And try to grab unexpected opportunities every once in a while.

SWITCH INTERNALLY

Maybe it's just your colleagues who are getting you down. Ask for a meeting with HR. See what other opportunities there are in your company. Maybe another department. Maybe something completely new. Let them know that you're not happy where you're at right now. If they care about you and want to keep you, they'll do everything to make you happy. If they don't want you to be happy, well then at least you know that they don't really care about you.

Then you know that the only thing they want from you are your best years, squeeze all the energy out of you and once they're done, they'll throw you away. If this happens, do the same. Squeeze them like you'd squeeze the lemon dry. Get as much out of them as possible. For as long as possible. Just like they do.

And then move on.

#STOP FOCUSING ON WHAT PEOPLE SAY

We focus too much on things other people say. Instead of focusing on the things that work. And when you focus on the things everybody else says all the time, you'll never figure out what really works. And then, one day, you'll turn into one of them. You'll turn into one of those people who say that this will never work. That it has never worked in the past. That this is not the way things are done around here. That this is stupid. So instead of focusing on what people say, focus on finding out what really works. And then just do it. No matter what. No matter what people say..

POST YOUR UPDATES ON LINKEDIN

LinkedIn started a cool new feature a while ago which allows you to post long blog posts on LinkedIn. All of your contacts will be able to see it and read it. And that's pretty damn amazing. Because then you can easily update your entire network about the things you're doing.

And it doesn't have to be about business. It can be about your passion as well. I constantly post my blog posts on LinkedIn as well. And you know what. A few of my contacts have reached out to me just because of that. Just because they thought that the stuff I'm writing about is interesting. I even made a few (small) deals like that. Sure, some of your contacts might not agree with what you're writing. Or saying. But that doesn't matter. If they don't agree with what you're saying or writing you might never end up making

business with them anyway. So it's some sort of natural filter which will automatically filter out the folks who you wouldn't have gotten along with anyway.

It's all about being open to creating opportunities. And let's be honest for a sec. How many of your LinkedIn contacts have you contacted over the past few years? I didn't get in touch with ANY of my contacts. So our LinkedIn contacts basically exist to be forgotten. And in case you might need to get in touch with someone in five years they might not remember you. So make sure they remember you..

BECOME CEO OF YOUR LIFE

It's hard to become CEO of anything. Be it that Fortune 500 company, that startup or that pizza store next door. And it's not just hard to become a CEO. Not to say that it's almost impossible. Most of us will probably never become CEO of anything. What's even harder than becoming a CEO is being a CEO.

But I don't know what I'm talking about here. I've never been CEO of anything. Except this one time. Except this one time where I decided that I wanted to become the CEO of my own life.

And that's what I've been doing for the past 6 years now. I've been the CEO of my own life. I've turned from employee to entrepreneur, back to to employee, then back again to entrepreneur and then to author, writer and public speaker. With many ups and downs. Now I do all of these things at the same time. So how do you become CEO of your own life?

It's simple. But not easy. And it takes time. A lot of time. And money. A lot of money. Because everything you'll do will need some time to grow. To grow from a

seed into a strong enough tree. A tree strong enough to support you. So what seeds did you plant this year to get you closer to becoming the CEO of your own life?

LISTEN TO PODCASTS

There are a lot of amazing podcasts out there. A while ago I listened to podcasts by [James Altucher](#). He has many amazing guests. And it was the right stuff for the right time. Maybe right now it's your time. Give it a try. Start from episode 1 and see how many you can listen to. Do also check out his other podcast [Ask Altucher](#). Start from the beginning, as well..

TEMPORARY LEAVE

Ask for a temporary leave. Maybe you'll get paid, maybe you won't. And then you can do all or some of the above things full time. Or go to travel the world. See how it goes. Maybe you'll enjoy your job a lot more afterwards. Maybe you won't. I think it's worth a try before you throw everything away without having a proper plan..

ALLOW THINGS TO HAPPEN

We don't allow things to happen anymore. We don't allow life to be amazing because we have too many obligations. We don't allow ourselves to fall in love because we could get hurt. We don't allow ourselves to follow our dreams because we could fail. We don't allow ourselves some time to learn new things because it's too inefficient for our efficient world. We

don't allow ourselves some time to think because we're too busy pretending to be busy. We don't allow things to happen because we're too afraid.

Afraid of too many things that could go wrong. Afraid of what people might think about us. Afraid of being afraid. Afraid of life. A life that is and always will be as amazing as you allow it to be..

MAKE YOUR OWN LIST

This is just my list. Maybe some of the things will appear on your list as well. Start your own list. And start living your own life. And try to do some or all of the things on your list for a year. And see what happens.

But what about your boss? Will she agree to all of this? Will I get fired for doing all of this? First of all, it's your free time. You can do whatever you want to during your free time. You should always do your best work at your job though. And here's the thing. If you have a good boss, she'll let you do all of this. Because a good boss wants her employees to be happy. And if your boss tells you you're going to get fired if you do any of this, well then you know that your company wants to keep you small. That your company wants to prevent you from shining. From becoming the best version of yourself. And if you work for such a company, a company that wants to keep you small so they can continue paying you a lousy salary, well then you know where you definitely don't have a future. A good company wants their employees to thrive. To become the best version of themselves. Because a happy employee is a good employee..

Conclusion

Those were just a few things I could think of right now. There are hundreds of other things you could do that will help you to get unstuck, to unleash your potential, to learn new skills and to get closer to a happy and fulfilled life without having to quit your job. Again, give yourself at least one year trying some (or all) of the above things and see where it might take you. Maybe you'll find your dream job this way because you connected with people who were looking for someone just like you. Maybe you'll learn a new skill that might come in handy in the future. For a new job. For your own company. Or for whatever it is that's going to happen to you one year from now.

If you do all or some of the above things your life will change. I guarantee you that your life will change. If it doesn't and your life is still the same one year from now and you did at least one of these things for an entire year send me an email and I'll PayPal you your money back.

You owe it to yourself. You owe it to yourself to become the best version of yourself. And you don't need to quit your job. Everything is so much harder when you don't have a job anymore. Trust me. I'm going this route for the past three years already. Everything is so much harder when you don't know where the next paycheck will come from.

So do yourself a favor and start today. Start today while you still have a job. And if you're still not happy with your job in one year, feel free to quit. You'll have learned many new and valuable skills. Maybe you'll even end up doing one of these things for the rest of

your life. Maybe. Maybe not. It doesn't matter. What matters though is that you give yourself the chance to shine. If you don't you'll never be able to tap into your potential. Ever..

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