



“For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?” (Luke 14:28)

If you give, you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more and running over. Whatever measure you use in giving—it will be used to measure what is given back to you.
Luke 6:38

Many well known business and major industries are closing their doors due to the economy, bad investments, marketing, or poor planning. With these companies closing many individuals are without employment, healthcare and in some cases they have lost their homes. Because so many businesses are closing there is a great demand for jobs. Employers realizing this are revising their company perks and policies to benefit themselves, thereby putting more demands on those that find themselves working for them. Such as vacations! You have to earn your vacation days by working a certain amount of hours per week or month to accumulate vacations. Then you have sick days and personal days you need to earn and let's not forget about children—how do they fit in the mix? When I was in the workforce, an employee received two weeks vacation automatically after a probation period of 30 days and every five years you earned an additional week until you reach 5 weeks total paid vacation. I hear so many “bad” stories about today's workforce, especially from those working in the health industry. My response to employees who hate the treatment they receive from their employers is “*why not be your own boss?*” Start your own business!

Starting a business is a big decision to make and drastic changes in one's life, but if done right, it can be rewarding being “your own boss!” You don't have to quit your job right away, but start planning for it. Such as what do you enjoy doing? Is there a need for your product or services? How much start-up money will you need and how do you get started. The majority of the time, small business can be started right from your home!

You can start a business while working for someone else, it's not against the law! First, determine what you enjoy doing or is there a need within your family that could be turned into a service. We all have God-given potential with us (gifts and talents). I know a woman who started an “at home” care service because her mother was in need of help. Another person I know wanted his own business as a funeral director and he started one, which is still in operation. I read an article in which a woman was feeding her father in a nursing home and his food kept dripping onto his shirt. This gave her an idea! Design adult bibs from terry cloth towels. She did and made a fortune selling these bibs. All of these individuals started their businesses while working full-time for someone else or out of a need. The funeral director, while working fulltime, began investing his money, which profited him enough money for a down payment to purchase an existing funeral service.

Being your own boss is not that complicated. Ask God what talent or need you have that would be profitable. Once you have that desire and passion burning within your heart, it's time to write a Business Plan. This will be your roadmap as a guide to bring your business to life. Our country was founded on small businesses, which has grown into bigger businesses and this seems to be the trend again. Finally, seek advice from someone already operating a small business. There are trials and errors in owning your own business, but in the end, you will be successful as “your own boss.”

