

Too Business, or Not too Business ...
That is the question.

There has been a business bug in me for a long time. I ~~used~~ have done door-to-door sales for Cub-scouts, science club, german club and other fund raisers when I was younger and still impressionable. Most of my work skills orbit around customer service; in all of it's aspects and glory.

From thrift stores to big warehouse do-it-yourself stores; from medical clinics to financial institutions, I have worked with people. Learning from the greats such as: Zig Ziggler and Neopolitan Hill (CD's & Books). Learning from staff above me and under me. Teaching when the opportunity presented it's self.

"The fear of instability must be overcome, else one will succome to the drowning torrents of an emotional tsunami."

When beginning a business, you're risking everything. A "good" aspect of having been in prison is that once you get out, you're starting from the ground floor. You're only option is to succeed. I have goals. I will keep my head up. I will make it. I am humbly asking for help with information.

I know and understand only some things about getting a business up and running. What I don't know is... a lot. If anyone is reading this, I'd love any help you will give. My first idea has become 3-interconnected businesses. In the beginning, you have an idea. The next step is setting those ideas down on paper and where you want to go with them. Then, write your business plan, etc. This is my hang up. The business plan(s) and the research for them. These business ideas are in the markets of: nutrition/health foods, restaurants and organic foods distribution. There are a few men in here who are willing to share their experiences, but I am looking for mentors and help.

Due to the 'newness' of this enterprise, I am not yet willing to discuss it so openly in a blog. At the moment I would like to ask a few questions to the business world:

1. What are 5-10 of the biggest obstacles in operating your business?
2. For the private, home based, business owners, where/how did you start?
Funds
Distribution - Packaging
Space
3. For those on a small scale who blew up to

a Larger scale, what came first?
Customer or Inventory
(chicken or the egg)

- 4, Might anyone out there be a specialist in the organic foods world?
Laws/Regulations
Labeling/Packaging
- 5, Is anyone willing to share their industrial supplier information for discounted equipment?
Any other discount suggestions?
- 6, Any suggestions on books concerning: solar-power set ups, building 'clean' rooms on a budget and "cheap" warehousing ideas / options? (Donations accepted)
- 7, I have a few ideas of how to set up these companies: Inc., LLC, N/P, etc. If there are any legal gurus out there, please donate your knowledge.
- 8, The obvious question... of everyone out there reading this, who will help?

At the moment, I am sponging as much information from those around me as I can. Every thing in here is limited. Each piece of advice (from inside) must be taken with a grain (or two) of salt. I will not give

up. The mountain is steep and the summit is far off. I only ask for the gear to aid me with the ascent. Thank you for your time, and I hope to hear from you.

Sincerely,

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