

How to Start Something

(You'd be surprised at what you don't need to live an amazing life)
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“For this reason I remind you to **fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you** through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.”
(2 Tim 1:6-7 (NIV))

Things you DON'T need

You don't need cash.

You don't need connections.

You don't need control.

“But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. . . .” (1 Cor 3:13 NIV)

Which will you be?

“Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. . . . For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.” (Matt 12:33 NIV)

A consumer or a contributor.

A taker or a maker.

A victim or a victor.

Things you DO need

You do need a core.

“God's divine power has given us everything we need for life and for godliness. This power was given to us through knowledge of the one who called us by his own glory and integrity. Through his glory and integrity he has given us his promises that are of the highest value. Through these promises you will share in the divine nature because you have escaped the corruption that sinful desires cause in the world.

Because of this, make every effort to add integrity to your faith; and to integrity add knowledge; to knowledge add self-control; to self-control add endurance; to endurance add godliness; to godliness add Christian affection; and to Christian affection add love. If you have these qualities and they are increasing, it demonstrates that your knowledge about our Lord Jesus Christ is living and productive. If these qualities aren't present in your life, you're shortsighted and have forgotten that you were cleansed from your past sins. Therefore, brothers and sisters, use more effort to make God's calling and choosing of you secure. If you keep doing this, you will never fall away.” (2 Pet 1:3-13 GWT)

You do need a calling.

“And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.” (Rom 8:30 NIV)

You do need a cause.

“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.”
(2 Cor 5:18-20 NIV)

You do need a conduit.