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Michelle - Other than prayer, how do you know you are cut out to start/run your own business? Do you ever really feel like you have enough skills and knowledge or do you just jump in?

• Having a passion rooted in purpose and a genuine love for people are two things I'm not sure anyone can teach you, but they're the two things that matter the most in building a business. Everything else can be learned.

- Leadership comes with a lot of criticism. Be willing to endure it.
- Skills can be learned if you're passionate enough and care enough.

Somer - What are your best practices for fighting burnout?

- Get in a Bible study
- You need to be in a group of people studying God's Word
- God's Word isn't specific to a career field, but it is specific in our purpose.
- Change up your environment (buy a new pillow, candle, something fun for your office)
- Got to a conference or next level education. (We recommend Narrow October 11-12 in Asheville, NC!)

Michelle - Feel called to write a book, and I have no clue where to begin! What tips can you share?

• Write articles and blogs first. A book is a hard place to begin!

• Find a way to test the content before you attempt to publish. Teach it. Talk about it. Break it up into bitesized pieces. People engaging with your content will help you understand the questions people will have when reading.

• Take the time to write every day.

Both - When faced with two equally qualified candidates, how to do choose who to hire?

- Go with the one who is passionate and cares the most. MM
- If someone is a little less skilled, but they have passion and they care, then I would give them the advantage over the one with more skill or experience. MM
- Don't hire someone who doesn't care. MM
- Who fits in with the team culture the most? MM
- Who can you serve well? SP

Michelle - How do I know when my child is ready to study the Bible?

- If your child is ready for a cartoon, they are ready for the Bible.
- Read the Bible to them before they're ready not for them, but for you.
- Jesus Storybook Bible, Hands On Bible or Indescribable by Louie Giglio, if they can read, start with Proverbs

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Somer - I'm not in love with my day job but it's my reality right now. How can I not dread my work?

- There are still days that are going to suck.
- You have to pursue loving something about where you are.
- You have to remind yourself of your purpose and be specific about how you can fulfill that purpose in your job.

Michelle - It's my 1st summer working at home. Tips on how to get my stuff done + have fun with my kids?

- Batch your tasks.
- Critical thinking heavy tasks are scheduled in the mornings.
- You're not a bad mom if you get help. If you need childcare, get it. If you need to delegate, try it.
- Work to hire someone that you genuinely love so you don't have to feel guilty when your kids are being cared for and having fun.
- Make a plan and stick to it.
- Speak truth over yourself.
- Can't get it all done? Back off and do what you can in the season you're in.

Somer - I don't do well with rigid schedules but I desire to be productive. Is there hope?

- You have to be rigid with scheduling in freedom.
- I do not make tomorrow's schedule until I am getting ready to go to bed the night before.
- Schedule your day based on how you're feeling.
- If you're not in the mood, your quality of work will suffer.
- Don't overschedule yourself.
- Eliminate time wasters. (Delete apps off your phone)

Michelle - With the recent news from Advocare, should those of us in network marketing be worried?

- Multilevel marketing is not bad, a pyramid scheme is.
- Pay attention to your company's compliance rules.
- Be aware of how intentional your company is being in compliance with FTC.
- Network Marketing Nobility coming soon JJoin the waitlist

here: https://sheworkshisway.lpages.co/nmn-waitlist/

Somer - I'm a believer but I sometimes struggle with doubts about God. Is that normal?

- Yes! It is normal.
- Anything we love that much, we also will have some fear about.
- It is healthy in your walk with the Lord to have things that you wrestle with.
- If you're not reading your entire Bible, you're missing out.
- Pursue the presence of God.
- As I grow in my relationship with the Lord, I have more questions that I wrestle with.

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- God is more present in your life when you're pursuing Him and talking to Him.
- When you start to feel doubt, pursue the presence of God.
- Mark 9 "I believe, Lord, help my unbelief."

Both - How to overcome fear of sharing on social media? (virtual faith and fitness coach)

- Content is no longer king. Being real and passionate is more important. MM
- Do you care? MM
- If you know getting past the fear is worth it because that's where He has you, then you'll get over the fear.
 MM
- The worst thing that could happen is that someone unfollows you. MM
- There is nothing to be scared of on social media as long as you care. MM
- Identify it correctly. Is it truly fear? SP
- Fear shouldn't stop you if God has truly called you. SP
- If the fear is winning day after day, you need to ask yourself if that's where you're supposed to be. SP
- Don't force yourself. Find another way to minister to people. SP

Michelle - Ideas to invest in potential customers without anything in it for me! I am always stuck on this!

- This is a mindset and heart-check it's not a strategy or tactic.
- Investing in others genuinely is a daily prayer and decision not a strategy or a task. If it becomes strategy/task, that's manipulation.
- You have to make a daily decision to pray that God would put people in front of you so that you can serve.

Somer - Do you have any advice to get into that deep work mindset more quickly and easily? Or to navigate the politics of an office culture where interruptions are the norm?

- Focus is a real thing. Prioritize focus.
- Set boundaries and parameters in place that allow for focus.
- Schedule meetings.
- Conversations are important.
- Remember the posture of your heart.
- Offer to help set up boundaries.