

No Time for Begging

If you have to beg someone to be in a relationship with you, you'll have to beg them to stick around down the road.

If you have to beg someone to be your friend, you'll have to beg them to remain loyal when times get hard.

If you have to beg someone to buy your product, you'll have to beg them to keep liking it after they buy.

If you have to beg someone to invest in your business, you'll have to beg them to not regret the decision when they start to question themselves.

If you have to beg someone to go to a party with you, you'll have to beg them to have a good time once you get there.

If you have to beg someone to believe what you want them to believe, you'll have to beg them to stop falling apart once doubts begin to creep in.

If you have to beg at the beginning, you'll have to beg midway through.

If you have to beg midway through, you'll have to beg at the end.

Don't beg.

When people aren't interested in what we have to offer, we often make the mistake of twisting their arm in an effort to guilt-trip them or frighten them into changing their mind. That kind of strategy might bring short-term relief, but it'll also guarantee long-term headaches.

Here's why:

No matter what course of action a person decides to take, there will be inevitable challenges and inconveniences along the way. This is true of every person and every path.

Do you know what happens to people who choose their own path? They almost always own up to the obstacles they face. Even when they suffer, they almost always take responsibility for their experiences. Do you know what happens to people when they feel like they've been coaxed into doing something that didn't initially feel right? They almost always react with a spirit of bitterness and blame when things go wrong.

When you use desperation tactics to get what you want, you'll almost always get more

than what you bargained for. In addition to getting what you want in the short-term, you'll also get a babysitting job in the long-term because someone is going to expect you to comfort and console them whenever they're inconvenienced by the situation you dragged them into.

Avoid these kinds of situations with haste. As Mike Murdock once advised, "Go where you're celebrated, not where you're tolerated."

Work with people who are happy to work with you. Surround yourself with people who are happy to have you in their circle. You don't need to require a hero's welcome everywhere you go, but you can always do better than begging.

Speak your truth, walk with conviction, and let your life speak for itself. If someone isn't buying what you're selling, run quickly in the direction of the next possibility. Sell yourself well, but don't sell yourself short. Keep pushing yourself to be great, but don't push anyone to acknowledge how great you are.

As Jack Canfield wrote, "Some will. Some won't. So what. Someone's waiting."

Adventures with someone who cherishes you and your gifts are waiting. There's no time for begging. Move on with your life and don't waste any more time on those who are unmoved by your life.