

**Skip the Politics.
Create Heaven
on Earth.
Now.**

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**“You never change
things by fighting the
existing reality.**

**To change something,
build a new model
that makes the
existing model
obsolete.”**

—Buckminster Fuller

Chapter Thirteen

Connect. Collaborate. Create!

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As tough as it may seem to identify your “heart song,” the real work is in the DOING. We can think, we can talk, we can fuss, we can get mad, but until we get off the bleachers and onto the playing field, we're not creating solutions. We're just affirming problems. We have lots of problem identifiers, and too few solution creators.

As a result, Donald and I have focused a large part of our work on helping people connect and collaborate. Sometimes it's about online connections, sometimes it's about offline or “live” connections. It's not as important to worry about HOW we connect—we just must connect!

We have been fortunate in the last six months to find a partner to help us host live events. Although the events started focusing on our health and wellness business, we began to see that we could better serve by making each event a 3-part event that plants seeds for our 3-part mission:

- Health

- Wealth
- Peace

Our strategic partner is actually a non-profit that serves single mothers. They are dedicated to helping people take control of their health. The first segment is dedicated to health and wellness in all of their forms. We have presenters on physical wellness, which includes people like massage therapists and nutritional counselors. We include mental wellness with presentations on suicide prevention and recognizing adverse childhood experiences. We welcome people who can speak on relationship wellness, financial wellness, and spiritual wellness.

The second segment we call “Connect. Collaborate. Create!” We encourage people to talk about their visions, their passions, and what they want to be doing to make a difference in the world. And we invite people to share that information so they can find other people in the room with a similar passion, purpose, or vision.

We encourage these people with like minds to get together and discuss their visions to see how they might work together to start some kind of action in the direction of their shared vision. In effect, we encourage them to explore how they might create something together that allows them to take a small step in the direction of their vision.

A great example of the kinds of collaborations we're building is a project we're calling the Residential Entrepreneur Incubator. A growing group of us have seen the need to start building facilities that serve multiple goals:

1. To put a roof over the heads of individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness.
2. To incorporate training and education in life skills, skilled trades, and entrepreneurship on site—including hands-on, experiential training.
3. To provide healing of body, mind, and spirit using complementary & integrative modalities.

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Our Core Team consists of not only us, but also an accountant who is well-versed in non-profit management and funding, a licensed general contractor who owns a building he wants to transform, and a woman with a strong background in the hospitality industry—specifically in operations. We bring together a diverse set of skills, knowledge, and talent to help plan and implement this project.

One of the biggest challenges we have in “doing the change” is finding the people we should be collaborating with on our visions. Many of us are discovering similar visions, but we too often make the mistake of believing we must set out on our own.

Which is exactly why we have started two clubs. Together, these clubs make up what we call the WeCare Partnerships Network. One club is called “Women Leading from the Heart.” The other is called “Men on a Mission United.” We highlight and showcase these men and women who dare to be leaders to move their visions forward, and we work to find people of like minds and visions who can join their team and support them.

Not everyone is ready to lead, but everyone carries a passion, purpose, or mission they long to implement. Our “Connect. Collaborate. Create!” events are designed to help people find each other and organize themselves into self-directed work teams, teams that can operate much like our self-directed work teams functioned in corporate settings.

It's only when people start to identify and operate from their passion, purpose, and mission that they start to experience internal peace. As more people move together in this space for creating internal peace, we will start to experience external peace. It reminds me of the song we used to sing in church, “Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.”

That's the only way it CAN begin. Peace begins with me. Peace begins with you. Together, we have the ability to BE peace.

And finally, the third component of our events includes a “money talk.” This is where Donald shines. He came from poverty but learned how to

build a business that produced residual income. His office equipment business allowed him the time, money, and freedom to be very present with our sons when they were growing up.

Now, we have accumulated a number of business opportunities that can allow ANYONE and EVERYONE to build residual income. (Remember, we called that “mailbox money” earlier, because it shows up in the mailbox whether you are working or not!)

Residual income can help us all have the time, money, and freedom to help in our communities, regardless of whether some entity can directly pay us to do it. The more residual income we can build, the more people we can help, the more good we can do. And it all starts with Donald's money talk.

At the end of Donald's money talk segment, we make an offer to help one or more people get started in their own business. One of our opportunities encompasses a number of business-oriented services which include things like small business loans, credit card processing services, and employee benefit plans for health insurance. There is NO upfront financial investment required—only an investment of your time.

For people who do not have a productive network of contacts that would likely support their new business venture, this can be the simplest way to help the many to get started in business instead of the few. There are no restrictions on contacting businesses by phone, and there are many networking events that can help people meet small business owners as they work to find potential prospects.

As we help more people find ways to build on-going, residual income, we set more people up to begin to implement their visions for communities that live in health, wealth, and peace.