The “Corporate Hostage, No More!”
Escape Plan

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Congratulations on making the decision to transform your life by escaping from Corporate America. Just making this courageous decision will propel you in the direction of creating a life that is better than you can even imagine.

I want to share with you the three most important things you can do to begin to plan an escape that will be permanent and start you on the road to freedom — freedom from the daily grind, the financial stagnation, and a system that is designed for conformity, not personal fulfillment and prosperity.

I was a “corporate hostage” for most of my 40+ year career. Having starting working at the age of 18, I have worked in law firms, in a hospital, in retail, did a short stint as a part-time bartender for a second job, for an independent insurance agency, an investment management firm, two CPA firms, and, since 2005 my own business.
As you can tell from my rather disjointed career path, I had no idea what I wanted to be when I grew up. So I tried things, lots of things, and at the age of 26, landed in the financial services industry and began my education and work experience requirements to become a Certified Financial Planner® professional. As of this writing I have worked in the financial services industry for over 30 years, 20 of those years working for others, starting in an independent insurance agency, then a small investment management firm, followed by a regional CPA firm where I was a senior financial planner and investment advisor which led to being recruited to build and run the investment management and financial planning division of the country’s 12th largest CPA firm.

Yes — I was, by any definition, successful. But I was miserable. The more time I spent in corporate America, the worse things got. I’ll explain more later about why that was, but for now I just want you to know that I’ve been a “corporate hostage” and I know what it feels like.

I define “corporate hostage” as someone who works for anyone other than themselves that is either working in a toxic work environment, is feeling stifled and unengaged in their work, or in the wrong career altogether. It doesn’t matter whether you are working for a large Fortune 500 corporation, or a small mom and pop company, or anything in between. If you are not excited about getting out of bed on Monday morning and getting to work, then this book is for you.

If you want more freedom, more money, more fulfillment and more meaning in your life, then keep reading. This book outlines the first steps to take to achieve all of those things, and more.
Corporate America, for the most part, is built on a foundation of conformity and scarcity. Too many companies are all about the bottom line, wanting to obtain maximum profits at all cost. The vast majority of employees, knowingly or unknowingly, agree to be the worker bees that drive the profits to
the top few with the promise that if they behave and do as they’re told maybe, just maybe, someday they can rise to those ranks themselves.

This is evident in every type of industry whether you work in a factory, or in education, or on Wall Street.

The rare company understands that their employees are their most precious asset, and if treated well will bring them more profits than they ever could have imagined, but unfortunately, they are the exception rather than the rule.

My mission in life is not to change the way Corporate America operates — I’ll leave that to others — but, rather, to help you get out of this rat race which for most is a losing proposition and help you create a life where freedom and prosperity reign.

For me, the thought of leaving a “secure” job was a little bit scary but what got me through the fear is realizing that I didn’t want to live my life the way I was living it.

Most people are taught that they should go to school, get a good job, make as much money as possible, and then use that money to create a life.

But I want you to think of this differently.

Before you quit your job (or if you’ve already quit your job) I want you to start thinking about what kind of life you really want to live.

For example, if time and money were not issues, where would you want to live? How would you like to spend your time each day? What things would you like to be doing? What would be your ideal life?

OK — that’s a lot, so where do you start? At the place that I feel is the most important place you can start — with your life!

Before you even think about what type of work or work environment would be ideal for you, I want you to create a vision for your life.

That's right — a vision.

And I’m going to show you a way to do this that will make the process fun, and easy, and quick to get results.

My first book, Finding Financial Fulfillment, for a Life Filled with Money and Meaning, was published in 2006. When I was first thinking about writing a book I took a workshop that was offered by a local publishing company. At one point in the workshop the woman leading it was explaining that we would need to create an outline for the book as part of the publication submission process. She must have seen the look on my face because she asked me if I had a question. I told her, “Well, not really a
question, but a dilemma. I must be strange because I have never been able to write an outline until the project is done. My brain just doesn’t seem to work that way. I have no idea what I’m going to write before I write it.”

She just smiled, and said “Well, then, I have just the thing for you” and she proceeded to teach us a process called Mind Mapping.

If you’ve never heard of it, here is the creator of Mind Mapping, Tony Buzan, explaining it on his website: Mind Mapping. Here’s an example of a mind map on Health, just so you have a visual of what I’ll be talking about as we go forward:
A mind map is created by putting a concept in the center of the page (Mr. Buzan recommends turning your paper sideways to a landscape format to help us get out of our traditional way of viewing things in a portrait 8 1/2 X 11 layout) and then simply adding branches that each contain a different topic off of the main topic. In the example above, Health was the main topic, and the sub-topics are stress, exercise, help, diet and sleep.

The order isn't important as we’re really just brainstorming here.

When I ask you to create a vision for your life, I’d like you to use mind mapping to explore the various parts of your life.

The above graphic will give you an idea of where to start. Simply write the words “My Ideal Life” in the center of the page, and then add the various parts of your life which, at a minimum, should include the above.

What do you want your Ideal Relationships to look like?

What would your Ideal Work look like: your tasks, your environment, etc.

What would your Ideal Living Environment look like: what kind of home would be ideal for you? What part of the world would be your ideal place to live?

What would your Ideal Health look like? Fitness? Diet?
What would your Ideal Play be? Your Ideal Fun?

What would your Ideal Spiritual or Personal Growth practice look like?

You can create your mind map any way you want, but hopefully the above will give you a place to start.

Why am I asking you to do this? Because if you don’t know what your Ideal Life would look like, it’s going to be very difficult to figure out what kind of work and/or work environment would best support that life.

THAT’S RIGHT — you want to create a way to work that nurtures and supports the life that you want, not the other way around.

So let me share with you some of what my vision of my Ideal Life looks like this year. Yes, I said this year, because I believe it’s really helpful to create a Vision Statement each and every year for my life so that I can stay focused on the things that will bring me closer to that vision — but more on that later.

*Part of my vision is:* “Each morning I wake up with gratitude, grateful to be living my dream life in New Mexico. I start my day by exercising in my back yard in-ground swimming pool. I then head to my gorgeous office where I spend my workday mornings, on the phone coaching and mentoring clients who wish to escape from corporate America and create businesses that allow them to thrive. My workday afternoons are spent creating higher and higher value products and services that will help my clients financially and physically fulfill their dreams. My evenings and weekends are spent outdoors enjoying all the area has to offer — day time hiking and walking through the glorious color-filled landscapes and forests, enjoying nature to the fullest; evenings swimming in the pool or sitting by the fire with my husband, family and/or friends, enjoying a delicious and healthy meal, or just lively and fun-filled conversation. Occasionally we enjoy a great night out on the town with friends. I am always surrounded by my precious pets whose unconditional love adds so much to my life.”

Not all of this has shown up in my life yet, but if you can’t imagine it, it’s hard to get it. This is just part of my Vision Statement for the year, but you get the idea. I created this by first creating a mind map of my Ideal Life, then turning it into a page of text that I could read each and every morning. By reading this each day I am more likely to stay focused on the things that will help me turn this vision into a reality.

And, if you notice, I write it as if I’m already living it. That is by intention. By seeing myself and feeling what it will feel like to do these things the Universe sets up the circumstances to obtain them more quickly.
I think most people have this whole job thing all wrong. It seems our society is geared to educate us to get a job that provides us enough “security” that we can live our lives on the weekends or, if we make it, in retirement.

Most of us stopped dreaming somewhere along the way. We gave up and settled for following the path that most people were following. Go to school, get a good education, get a job, work for what feels like forever, and then hope to start living the dream when we retire.

Well that’s not good enough for me and I don’t want it to be good enough for you.

I’ve been living the dream since 2005. I escaped from Corporate America and I never looked back.

Now I only do work that I love doing, with people I love doing it for, from the comfort of my own home, or from our RV, or from a hotel room at a conference, or wherever.

I’ll get into my Ideal Business in the next chapter but setting up my business the way I have has allowed me to have all this. Since my overriding value in life is freedom, I wanted the freedom to work anywhere, anytime, from any place, and I’ve created the conditions for that to happen.

So, what does your Ideal Life look like? What do you value the most? What do you really, really, really want your life to look like?

I guarantee you that when I had a JOB, I was not living my ideal life. I didn’t have the freedom to work from wherever I wanted to, to travel whenever I felt like it, to have clients all over the country that I chose to work with. Nor did I have the opportunity for unlimited income.

I want you to live like I do, excited for every day, not just the weekends. It all starts with gaining clarity on what you value and having a vision.

So, if you’re not willing to do a little soul-searching and spend some time on this, then stop reading. Wishing and hoping are not going to get you where you want to go, but taking action will. Focusing on your ideal life will. Planning your escape will.

Let me ask you this — if you knew, for certain, that you were going to be dead five years from today, what would you change in your life? What would you do differently? Where would you live? How would you spend your time? What would you most enjoy doing? Who would you want to spend your time with?

The answers to these questions will help you start to create the vision for your ideal life. We all live like we have forever, but we don’t.

And — one more question — if you keep doing what you’ve been doing, where are you going to be a year from now, or in five years from now, or 10, or 20?
Transforming your life is all up to you. You don’t have to do it alone. There are people like me that can help you with this. But you have to decide that you want things to be different.

My favorite word is “more” because I want more — more love, more friends, more fun, more abundance, more vitality, more life — and to make more of an impact in the world.

I live to serve. I love to serve.

What about you?

This is a great place to end this chapter and move on to the next where we will explore ways to create an income that will support your Ideal Life.

If you wish, you can stop here and just work on the vision for your Ideal Life. Or you can keep reading and then come back to this.

But, and this is important, the vision for your life comes first!

Don’t skip this step. If you don’t know what your Ideal Life will look like, then no amount of money will get you there.

And we all know that having money, just for money’s sake, is worthless. It’s what the money can do for us that makes creating it worthwhile.

If you want to live off the grid and grow your own food, and that is your Ideal Life, then you won’t need much in the way of income.

But if you want beautiful material things (which is OK, by the way) because they enhance your life and make you happy, then creating money becomes a bigger issue.

So let’s move on to exploring how you can create the money that will create the life that will feed your heart and soul.
Now that you have an Ideal Vision for your life created, it's time to create a vision for a business that can support that life.

"What this world needs is more conscious business owners."

-- Janet Tyler Johnson

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Most people get this backwards. They decide to create a business that will provide income so they will have enough money to, hopefully, someday, afford them the lifestyle they want. They end up working 80-100 hours a week because they think if they create enough money, their life will be perfect. Unfortunately, when you’re working 80-100 hours a week, you don’t have a life.

If, however, you have a clear vision of what you want your life to look like you can create a business that nurtures you and provides income from the start.

Let me give you an example of how I did this when I started my business in 2005.

First, I created a vision for my life. When I left corporate America, my husband and I were living in a beautiful log home on 12 wooded acres in rural southwestern Wisconsin. The place was beautiful. Rolling hills, a little spring-fed creek running through our property, tons of trees and wildlife. It was peaceful and serene and we loved it.

However, prior to my escape, I was hardly ever home to enjoy it.

So, as I’ve suggested you do, I created a vision for my life. What would my ideal life look like?

I knew that FREEDOM was a big deal to me. It always had been. When I was approaching my 16th birthday, I couldn’t wait to get my driver’s license so I could be free to come and go as I pleased without depending on my parents to take me somewhere.

So, in thinking about FREEDOM, I decided my business had to allow me the freedom to work from wherever I wanted, whenever I wanted. Knowing this was of upmost importance to me and allowed me to make some great decisions.

First of all, I didn’t want an office that I had to be in from 9:00 to 5:00. There wasn’t much freedom in that.

Second, I didn’t want a server in my office. Now, think back to 2005. At that time there was no “cloud” (well, there was but it wasn’t called that yet), and most wealth management firms were run from an office, with servers and phone systems all wired to those servers. If I had a business that was set up like that then how would I work when I traveled to a conference, or decided to work from the coffee shop one day? I wanted the flexibility to do that.

So, I decided from the beginning that every bit of software I would use had to be web-based, and that wasn’t necessarily the easiest thing to do in 2005 but I made it work.

I also decided that since I needed a lot of portability — we had an RV that we travelled in and I often flew to conferences that took place in hotels in various parts of the country — so I decided Mac computers would serve me better. I wanted different pieces of hardware that easily talked to each other
— like my Mac and laptop actually being able to share things easily. And I needed a cellphone as my business phone, not a landline that I couldn’t access easily (remember, this is 2005).

I had always been Windows based prior to 2005, and used Motorola, Nokia or Blackberry phones, all of which took several workarounds to sync with my calendar, contacts, etc., so when the iPhone came out and it automatically synced with my computer, I was in Heaven. This was exactly the kind of thing I was trying to put in place.

So, from the very beginning, I built a virtual business — a business that could be run from anywhere, that was portable, flexible, and allowed me the freedom I craved.

Third, I needed staff, but again, I didn’t want to hire someone that I would need to house in an office somewhere, so I began looking for virtual solutions. The first thing I needed was someone to do all of my backoffice work. In a wealth management firm, this consisted of someone who would download all my client’s investment information into a system where it would be reconciled every day (like balancing your checkbook every day) and then could be used for reporting to clients. This was a critical part of my firm. Fortunately, even in 2005, there were a number of firms in the United States that I could outsource this work to so I didn’t have to hire someone in house for this.

As time went on I was able to set up online fax services, postage services, file sharing services, and more. I even have a Virtual Assistant that lives in another part of the country for the day to day operational tasks that need to be done, leaving me to do the work that I love the most and is the highest value to my clients.

My company can be run from anywhere with a laptop and cellphone. It’s perfect! And I can not see myself doing it any other way.

I’m even taking this a step further now as my client meetings are all being held by phone, Skype and FaceTime. They don’t have to drive anywhere in the middle of winter for a meeting. We can all meet from the comfort of our very own homes.

Now, I’m not saying that this way of doing business is the only way. Maybe you want a team of people around you every day. That’s perfectly OK. As long as it fits in with your vision of your ideal life.

For me, by setting my business up to be virtual, I have dramatically increased the quality of my life. No long commute time any more, very little overhead expenses, no payroll (my team members all get paid but they are all independent contractors who work for multiple business owners like myself). It’s a very stress-free way to work.

If I hadn’t known that my overriding value was FREEDOM, I would probably have set up a business that looked very similar to the corporate world I had left. Why? Because that’s what I knew. But then I wouldn’t have created a nurturing business for myself, I would have created another job where I just happened to be the boss.
That's not what I wanted.

People told me that I wouldn't be viewed as professional, that the few clients I started my business with would leave. But that didn't happen. Why? Because my clients understood that if I was helping them to live their dreams, it was important that I lived mine.

I was being authentic. I was being me.

Not only was this way of operating enhancing the quality of my life, I truly believe it made me a better investment advisor, coach and mentor. I was less stressed, had more time for work (no commute time, no company meetings, etc.) and was a happier human being. I mean, come on, who wants to work with a grumpy, stressed out anybody?? Not me!

So, thinking about your Ideal Life now, how can you create a business that will support what you value and help you create your dream life?

Do you want your summers off? Then build your business for that.

Do you want to work only three days a week? No problem.

Do you want to move and work from Bali? I know someone who has done that.

Almost anything you can imagine is possible today so the truly important thing here is making sure your business will be set up in a way that supports and nurtures the life you want to live.

Do you want to spend more time with your kids? Then schedule time off when they are home. You don't have to create a 9:00 to 5:00 work existence. You can start earlier in the morning before the kids wake up. Or work in the evening after they are in bed, both of which would allow you to spend time with them over breakfast, before heading off to day care or school, and allowing you to be there for them when they come home, or see all of their soccer games.

You get this, right?

YOU GET TO DECIDE what you want your life and your work life to look like. How great is that???

Maybe for the first time in your life you can really be in charge of your life.

My husband and I had some really great conversations prior to me leaving corporate America about what kind of life we really wanted.

I’d like to report that all of our dreams have come true, but they haven’t yet. Why? Because we keep dreaming up more really cool stuff we want to do in our life.

Life is a journey, not a destination.
Once we achieve one dream, it seems to open a door for other, even better dreams. That's the fun of it.

Creating the life of your dreams is a process. You don't just wake up on day and say "Oh, we made it. This is it!"

No, you get a taste of how great life can be and you want more — more fun, more joy, more peace, more of all of the good stuff.

As I've begun to live this way my bucket list hasn't gotten shorter, it's gotten longer, and I have more to look forward to than ever before.

I know that my life today is great. I know that it will be great tomorrow, and the next day and the next, because I've planned it that way.

I can't stress to you enough that having a business that allows me the freedom to live life any way I want is the most amazing thing I've ever created in my life.

And, if I change my mind, and decide to do things differently tomorrow, I can.

So, once again, be sure you have your vision for your Ideal Live created, then begin thinking about how the business you want to create could be run to support that life.

And keep in mind that life is short. I always ask clients to imagine that their doctor has told them they only have five years left to live.

How would you like to live, and work, for those next five years?

How can you bring more joy into your life on a daily basis?

What makes you happy, and how can you have more of that?

Before I close out this chapter, let me give you a few more things to think about here.

In addition to FREEDOM being an overriding value of mine, as I have grown older I've realized that my environment plays a huge part in my overall happiness.

Have you ever lived in an apartment with a noisy neighbor upstairs? If so, you know you couldn't wait to have a place of your own where you didn't have to be subjected to this.

When I first left corporate America and was planning on working from home my husband wanted to build me an office to work out of. My first thought was that I wanted an office where I could open the windows. I worked for years in buildings where the windows didn't open, and on a beautiful spring day could not enjoy the warm breeze or sound of birds chirping and I wanted that.
I tell you this because while you are envisioning the big picture, don’t forget the details. I wanted candles in my office, and a couch for an occasional afternoon nap. I wanted great lighting, and a big desk. I wanted bookcases so I could be surrounded by my favorite books. I wanted a TV for days when something big was happening in the markets, or when doing mindless office work (like cleaning or scanning some documents) or when taking a lunch break.

I wanted to be able to do great work while not sacrificing a great life in the process.

You, too, can have your version of this, and more. The work you choose to do should make you feel alive, enhance your life in every way, provide you with more income than you ever thought possible, and cause you to feel excited to get out of bed each and every morning.

I was never a morning person until I found work, and a way of working, that made my heart sing. It’s truly an amazing feeling and one I want you to experience.
"You have something inside you that no one else on the planet has.

Find what makes you unique. Then share it, over and over again, to help others, and success will follow, over and over again."

-- Janet Tyler Johnson

Now let's talk about a business model that you can set up that will allow you everything I've talked about so far.
I’m going to tell a made-up story to illustrate that no matter what kind of work you want to do, there is always a different way to go about things that can be more aligned to who you are. By aligning the type of work you want to do with who you are as an individual, you can create the business of your dreams.

As I go through this story, I want you to imagine yourself as the person I am describing. Simply think of this being your story and change the type of work I am describing for the kind of work you want to be doing. And be prepared to take some notes, because this just might give you a few of your own ah-ha’s along the way.

So here goes.

Suzy loved to bake. She loved to bake pies and cakes and breads and cookies. From the time she was a little girl, nothing excited her more than the smell of something she created baking in the oven.

But as Suzy was growing up, the only way she thought she could make any money as a baker was by opening up her own bakery.

The thought of getting up at 3:00 in the morning to “bake the donuts” made her heart sink.

She didn’t want that kind of lifestyle. She hated getting up in the middle of the night. As much as she wanted to be a baker, she did not want to be confined to some tiny kitchen in the middle of a little shop that she had to drive to in the middle of the night. And she didn’t want to be responsible for employees which she would need to hire to wait on customers while she was doing the baking.

When she envisioned this business she saw herself trying to be the baker, the manager, the bookkeeper and she wanted no part of it.

She felt defeated.

Suzy thought that maybe being a baker in a big hotel could be an option but when she thought of this she saw herself as a cog in a wheel, turning out hundreds of croissants every morning, which did nothing to make her heart sing.

She wanted to be more creative than that, being able to try new things, delighting her customers with her versions of well-loved baked goods.

She didn’t know what to do, so she did what most of us have done at least once in our life, she started looking at other jobs.

What else could she do? What else would she want to do? She had no idea.

Just thinking about getting a job made her sweat. Interviewing. Trying to convince someone she was perfect for a job she had no idea if she would even like.
She took her laptop with her one Saturday morning to her local coffee shop. The place was packed but she found a spot at a little table that had been wedged near the door. After getting her favorite cup of tea she sat down to start looking for jobs online. She had no idea what she wanted to do so she decided to just browse some job sites and see if anything jumped out at her.

After about 30 minutes of this, with her tea getting cold, she was as confused as ever. She must have looked miserable because as one of the employees who was cleaning off tables walked by, he said, “is the tea that bad? Would you like something else?”

Suzy laughed and said, “Oh no. The tea is fine. I’m just trying to find a job but have no idea what I want to be when I grow up.”

The employee said, “Well, today is your lucky day. If you’re up to it, there’s someone I think you should meet.”

Suzy said, “Oh. Well, sure,” and with that, the employee headed off, returning a few minutes later with a woman Suzy didn’t know.

The woman introduced herself. Her name was Vicky. She asked if she could join her and Suzy said, “Sure.” She told Suzy that the coffee shop employee explained that Suzy was job hunting and she wondered what kind of work Suzy was looking for.

Suzy said, “Oh, well, that’s the problem. I have no idea what kind of job I want.”

Vicky said, “Well, what do you love to do?”

Suzy said, “I love to bake but can’t make a living doing that. I have no desire to work for someone else, baking hundreds of the same thing over and over again, just for the sake of a paycheck. That would be like being in prison. So, I’m stuck. I have no idea what kind of job I want.”

Vicky said, “Well, it sounds to me like you don’t really want a job at all.”

Suzy said, “Well, I’d love to run my own business but have no interest in owning a bakery where I’d have to get up in the middle of the night and would be responsible for managing employees.”

Vicky said, “Oh. Well, I help people figure out how to run businesses doing what they love to do but in a way that is perfectly aligned with the way they want to live their life. Do you mind if we explore a few things?”

Suzy said, “Mind? That would be great. I’m all ears.”

Vicky went on to ask Suzy some more questions about how she wanted her life to look, what kind of work would be the most thrilling and satisfying for her and what kind of income she was hoping to earn.
After some back and forth, Vicky discovered that Suzy’s ideal business would allow her to have a lot of freedom and flexibility in her life, would help others learn professional baking techniques so they could bake like a pro at home, would allow her to try out new things and create recipes or versions of recipes of her own, and would allow her enough income potential that she could take time off whenever she chose to travel to other countries and learn new baking techniques.

Suzy discovered that it wasn’t the selling of her baked goods that excited her, it was the actual creation of the baked goods themselves. She loved using her own creativity to find new ways of doing things in the kitchen, or turning an old tried-and-true recipe into a healthier, modern version. She got so excited just thinking about all of this.

But how in the world was she going to turn a love of baking into a business that didn’t tie her by her apron strings to a life of drudgery?

(That, my friends, is the $64,000 question — and Vicky had some ideas.)

Vicky felt she now had a better idea of what kind of life Suzy wanted. She wanted a life filled with freedom, creativity, flexibility, and sharing her knowledge and discoveries with others so they could easily prepare professional quality baked goods at home.

Suzy was always sharing her recipes with her friends, or having them taste-test one of her new creations. And people loved what she baked.

OK — end of story — so how do you turn all of this into a business where you don’t have to sell your soul?

The good news for Suzy was that she had worked out what she did and didn’t want her life to look like. Many of us who have worked or are working in corporate America have figured out what we DON’T want our lives to look like which gives us all kinds of clues to what our Ideal Life could look like. Sometimes knowing what you don’t want is just as important as knowing what you do want.

And Vicky, well Vicky is a mentor, a coach, someone who can ask the right questions that will help Suzy figure out what her ideal business life would look like.

Let me give you some ideas, given the story above, how Suzy could turn her passion into profits.

She told us she loves sharing her knowledge and creations with her friends. Don’t we all? Don’t we love sharing our successes? Don’t we all enjoy showing someone a shortcut, or giving them advice or information that can help them? I think this is in our nature.

So, here are some ways Suzy could make money doing that:
1. She could create and sell a “how to” baking and recipe book.

2. She could teach baking classes, in person or online.

3. She could host a YouTube video show with sponsors or advertisers paying her to be part of it.

4. She could create her own baking “how to” video series that she could package and sell as a product on her website.

5. She could offer high end private one-on-one baking lessons in a customer’s own home (this would pay her a lot and give her the opportunity to travel, as well.)

6. She could offer live baking events in small groups by renting out a commercial baking facility and bringing participants in for a few days of private tutoring.

Oh, the possibilities are many, and diverse, and she could do any one of the above, a combination of a few, or all of them. It’s totally up to her.

Now — to hopefully get your creative juices really flowing, I’d like you to look at the list above and wherever the word “baking” appears, plug in any type of work you can think of that you would love to do and would make your heart sing.

The entire list above could work great for an auto mechanic, an accountant, an attorney, a physician, a musician, a painter, a plumber, a pilot.

Just about any profession you can think of could be plugged into the above list, some with some adjustments made, but could all provide sources of income.

And, because of the way things change in the world, doing a few or several of these things could provide multiple streams of income.

Look at me — I own a traditional investment management firm where I manage money for clients on a fee-basis (I do not sell products or earn commissions in this business). This is a six-figure income producing business that I love. It is a virtual business that is run online allowing me the freedom to work when I want from where I want with whoever I want no matter where they live (in the U.S.).

And, for my escaped corporate hostage clients, it gives them the opportunity to have that 401k account rolled over to their own IRA and be professionally managed by someone who can help them align their money with their ideal life. (This isn’t a sales pitch, it’s a fact — I’ve been helping people align their money with their ideal lives for over 30 years.)

I also write books, and offer coaching and mentoring, offer live events, and a membership site, all of which pay me income at various levels depending on the level of transformation I provide for people.
No matter what you are passionate about in life, there is a way to earn money at it that is aligned with your ideal life.

Don’t get discouraged though, if the ah ha’s haven’t shown up for you yet. Even in my case I needed help in figuring all of this out. I was a classic case of someone who was standing in the middle of the forest and didn’t see the trees — not until I hired a coach who helped me figure out exactly which group of people I was uniquely positioned to serve.

But you get the idea here. It can be done. You can earn a living, doing what you love where you do not need to sell your soul in order to get a paycheck.

You can build a business where you thrive, where every day life is exciting and challenging and meaningful and fulfilling.

I can say this because I’m living it.

And, because I’m living it, I can teach it.

It isn’t rocket science, but often we can’t see the possibilities for ourselves. There is too much fear blocking our view.

This is why I have built a community where people like you can come and hang out with others that are going through similar things.

In this community people learn from experts, and from each other. Just by being part of a group you learn from what others are experiencing which makes your journey easier to navigate and will shorten the time frame to your own success.

I never could have gotten to where I am today, in the time frame it took, without the help of others.

There is true power in community, and especially a community of like-minded people who are all wanting the same thing.

If you gain nothing else from what you have read so far I want you to know these three things:

1. You are not alone. 100 million people in the United States alone are not excited about getting out of bed and going to work in the morning. That’s right, 100 million people!!

2. You can get the support you need with the click of a button.

3. You can have it all. You can. I promise.
Joy and meaning and fulfillment and prosperity are yours for the taking. But it takes one thing from you to have these things:

**ACTION!!!**

So here are some actions you can take, right now!

1. Join the community of Corporate Hostages who want to escape by joining the Corporate Hostage, No More! Facebook Group — it’s free! Just ask to join.  
   [https://www.facebook.com/groups/Corporatehostagenomore/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Corporatehostagenomore/)

2. Check out all of the FREE resources and training available for you at  
   [http://www.corporatehostagenomore.com](http://www.corporatehostagenomore.com)

3. If you are truly ready to transform your life, join me for a complimentary 30 minute “Escape to Freedom” session that will help you create a vision for your Ideal Life and Ideal Business. Sign up today at  
   [http://www.corporatehostagenomore.com](http://www.corporatehostagenomore.com)

**How much longer do you want to wait to begin living your Ideal Life?**

Take back your power.

Take back control of your life.

Take action today!!

**Thank you for taking the time to begin your own escape. I hope you join me in our Facebook group today!**

**For more information on Janet or any of her services visit the following:**

Main Website:  [http://www.janettylerjohnson.com](http://www.janettylerjohnson.com)


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Wishing you a life filled with fulfillment and prosperity,

Janet Tyler Johnson

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