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How often it is we give up wanting to do something even before we give ourselves an honest chance of succeeding.

Perhaps, we begin writing our autobiography. We get the table of contents and the introduction written, then we let it sit because we don't think anyone will care.

We begin a diet over a weekend. Within a couple of days, we are back to our normal habits because we didn't see any immediate results.

Maybe we want to start a desktop publishing business. We get it started and the clients start coming in sooner than we expected. Because of our past experiences where we have been so good at what we did, we only remember getting bombarded with more and more work when we wish we could have taken a break. We may see how this can end up, so we slack off and let the business of our dreams fade away.

Or maybe we have this idea of having our own place on the Internet. We create a page, then we have different ideas to put on it. Then we think of starting a business with it. Then we also want to have a newsletter for people. Then we want to do web pages for others. Then we go back and work on ways to get people to read our newsletter. But we need a better web site. So we start from scratch and the circle continues. Having too many things we would like to do can stop us

as well.

Personally, I've become an expert at getting out of my own way when it comes to doing things. After all, I have gotten in my own way over and over and over again for years. I still fit that last one way too often.

There are so many different ways we stop ourselves. But what can we do about them?

– I'm not good enough: Well, right now, a group of students are being given a lecture by the worst

teacher. The worst actor is starring in a made-for-television movie. And the worst boy band is putting on a show for friends and family in their garage.

– No one will be interested: Just look around at some of the things you see on television or read in newspapers or books or magazines. It's amazing some things have lasted this long.

– I don't have the time or money: Need to evaluate priorities. Are the things which take up your time more important than what you would like to do? Can you begin to change things in some ways to save more? This one will take a bit of work and some sacrifice if you really want to do something else.

– I'm too old/young: Colonel Sanders was in his eighties when he began his Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant. Anne Frank was a young girl when she wrote her diary which is still published and read throughout the world.

– I don't know what I want to do: You may not know exactly what you want to do, but there is something in the back of your mind that is important. Especially if you know you're not happy in what you are doing now, you know there is more you want out of life.

– I want to do too much: No one says you can't do a little of everything. Just have to pick one that will set the groundwork for the others. Find what is the

common thread in the things you would like, and start there. You can branch off once that foundation is in place.

– The universe is out to get me: Not at all. Once you make up your mind and begin heading in some direction, the universe will open up in ways you can't see right now. People will come into your life, events will take place, and you will begin to see a bit further each day. But you have to make the first moves.

Motivational speaker Les Brown in his book "It's Not Over Until You Win," tells a story of a keynote speaker at a National Speakers Association conference he attended. The speaker was perhaps the worst speaker Les had ever heard. By the end of his presentation, more than two-thirds of the audience had walked out.

The speaker, noticing this said something that pretty much sums up this column.

"The reason I am up here (Doing) and you are sitting down there (watching) is because I represent the thoughts you have rejected for yourself."

Just something to think about.

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"Is the Internet the World's Largest Midway?"

By Wonder Wyant

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Why do I call the Internet the "World's Largest Midway"? I spent 16 years in the carnival business and I was pretty successful at it. If you've ever been to the fair, you might relate to some of my reasons.

Did you ever notice how they set up the good stuff, the real nifty rides, way down at the end of a long line of "joints"

full of hawkers and talkers.

Yep, that's what they call those tents and trailers where you can "WIN" the world's largest teddy bear, "joints". If you don't want to walk by these guys to get to the good stuff, you have to go the long way around.

If you do walk by, the "jointees" or "agents", as some call 'em, are gonna be screaming at you "HEY, BUDDY" "HEY, YOU WITH THE GOOD LOOK'N MAMA!" "HEY!" to get you to come play their "game".

And, if you succumb to their calls you will find that you can "win" a prize for merely 3 or 4 times what it would cost you to buy it.

On the Internet there are lots of good rides, sites you can go to fairly easy and have a good time.

Every day, though, I get screaming emails letting me know "I WON" the chance to join another MLM or "program" where I can WIN the world's largest teddy bear, i.e. get rich beyond my wildest dreams.

And these "agents" are even slicker than my carnival buddies, some of 'em even have my phone number and can hawk right in my living room!

What you may not know, however, is that, on the midway, there are some legitimate games where you can actually win something worth much more than you invested.

Yep, you might win a forty dollar prize for your dollar game. And, yes, you do have to pay to play.

The Internet is the same way, there are legitimate offers out here where you can actually make a buck. But, like the carnival, you have to be around a while to check out the game.

You don't necessarily want to walk up to the carny screaming the loudest. Same way on the Net. Yep, just like the carnival, "YOU GOTTA PLAY TO WIN!" and, yes, you do have to pay to play.

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There are at least 20 other parallels between the carnival and the Internet. But that's what MY ezine is about.

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