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"Your potential is only limited by your attitude. "

I have a certain set of relatives, on my wife's side, that will make a good example here. They often find cause to be jealous of what I have and therefore don't like me very much. It's obvious what their problem is, however, and there's not much I can do about it.

They have a lower standard of what is 'good enough' than my wife and I do. When my wife and I talk about the future, it contains plans for a larger log home, money for the kids for college or whatever they want to do, time spent traveling, camping, hunting and fishing, a new van, and being able to help others out that need it.

Now, we aren't where we want to be yet, but in the mean time we do have a good home, a good car, we do get in some traveling and camping, and we are working toward improving things for the future.

When visiting these relatives, however, I hear and see the same things over and over.

"Well, this house may not be much, but at least I own it and it's good enough." (It's a beat up old single wide trailer with an open 35 gallon trash can right in the middle of the living room and a cattle trough for a bathtub.)

"I ain't getting rich with this job, but at least it pays the bills, and that's good enough." (He makes \$7.50 an hour and gets laid off 3

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months every winter)

"I don't have a real nice car, but I got 4 of them. That way if one breaks down I just use another until I get it fixed, or until it breaks down. That works out good enough." (His four cars are all at least 30 years old and do routinely take their turns at breaking down.)

Now, I really don't mean to put anyone down here. Everybody struggles and everybody does their best with what they have.

The problem with these relatives is NOT the single wide house, the \$7.50 an hour job, or the 4 old cars. The problem is they are

content with what they have and are not pushing to improve. The problem is they've decided that what they have today is 'good enough' for the rest of their lives.

So, they hate me because I live in a better house, drive a better car, and don't have to work for someone else. The only difference, though, is that I expect more from life. The same old routine is NOT good enough for me. I'm trying for better and I will get it.

'Good enough' is a state of mind that can destroy dreams faster than anything. You've got to keep progressing. Set your standard of 'good enough' as high as you most possibly can. Then work to achieve it.

That's often the only difference between success and failure.

I know I'm not going to settle for anything less than what I've always dreamed of. That is the ONLY thing that will be 'good enough' for me and my family.

So now, you tell me, what's 'good enough' for you?

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### **We're Good at the Things We Like**

**By Angie Dixon**

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Read that again. It doesn't say "We like the things we're good at," though that's true as well. No, it says we're good at the things we like. That statement was made to me just today in reference to something I hate to do and am not very good at. I just nodded, thinking I'd heard it the other way around, or that my sister had said it backwards. Then she repeated it and said, "It works the other way around, too, but we're good at the things we like."

It's true. If we like something we're willing to put the time into it to learn how to do it, for starters. Such is true with my "hate to do," search engine optimization. Books on SEO make my eyes glaze over. Listening to someone talk about how to do it makes my ears glaze over. I hate it. It's not interesting to me, and I'm not good at it.

On the other hand, I'm great at making web sites. I used to do it for a living and still design my own sites most of the time when I'm developing a site for a business or my personal use. The first time I picked up a book on web design, nearly a decade ago now, I knew this was something I could do. I LIKED it. And I'm good at it.

I'm not saying you shouldn't, or can't, be good at things you don't like. I don't like putting away the dishes or changing the cat litter, though I'm good at both those things.

What I'm saying is if you hate something, and you're not good at it, maybe it's time to stop beating yourself upside the head and find a way around it. Hire someone to do it. Barter with someone to do it—you do something they hate and are not good at. Do something else instead. Or learn to like it and get good at it.

So the next time you're doing something you hate, and feel you're not doing a good job, remember it's not your fault. We're good at the things we like.

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