













Investing in Yourself to Become the Boss of Your Business







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What we're going to cover today

- My blog journey
- The "Boss" mindset
- What's your time worth?
- Prioritize
- The R.O.I.







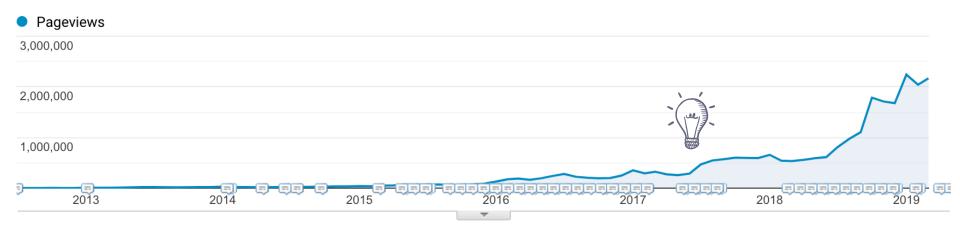








My blog journey started June 2012



Spent the first 5 years with a range of emotions... doubt, uncertainty, jealousy...





Started to Think Like A

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You want to do it.

You can do it.

You GOTTA do it!







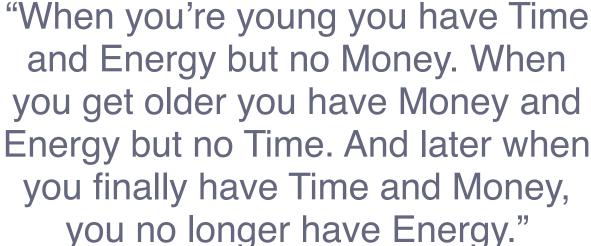


















- Annette Gulick











Be Productive











Figure Out Your Capacity

24 hours in a day, 168 hours in a week

- 49 hours sleeping (try for 7 hours)
- 40 hours at my day job
- 12 hours commuting (work & daycare)
- 42 hours family time (meals, kids, exercise)
- And that leaves just...































25 hours

A week to blog (if I'm Lucky)

















- Photography
- Video
- Cooking
- Grocery Shopping
- Dish Washing
- Writing
- Proofreading
- Editing Photos
- Research
- Search Engine Optimization
- Speaking
- Branding
- Emotional Support

- Strategy & Planning
- Affiliate Marketing
- Email Management
- Finance & Accounting
- Sponsorships
- Comments
- Hiring Contractors
- Social Media
- Web Design
- Web Development
- Security
- Marketing

- Data Entry
- Payroll
- Taxes
- Lead Generation
- Travel Arrangements
- Compliance & Legal Responsibilities
- Administrative Tasks
- Graphic Design
- Technical Support
- Public Relations
- Recipe Development
- Bookkeeping



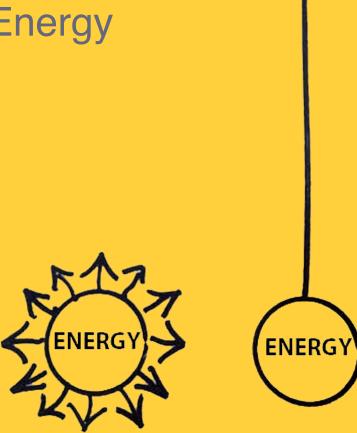








Focus Your Energy





My Priorities



Cooking



Photography



Writing



Editing Photos



Research

















My 25-hour Weekly Blog Routine

18 hours on:

• 3 recipes (6 hours/recipe)

7 hours on:

- Responding to comments/emails
- Research for upcoming posts
- Instagram
- Content Contributions
- Team Coordination



Reduce Distractions

- Unsubscribe to emails
- Turn off phone notifications
- Logout of social media accounts
- Reduce TV time
- · Learn to say "no"
- Create an editorial calendar

















What's Your Time Worth?



Quick Formula:
Salary per year
Drop the last three zero's
Divide by two

100,000 -> 100 -> 50/hour



Social Media

- Scheduling 12 posts a day for Facebook
- Not really passionate about it
- Costs me \$300 of my own time (6 hours/month)

Paying \$250/month for a VA

















Video

- Struggled doing video and photos at the time
- Not proficient and limited capacity
- Costs me \$300 of my own time (6 hours/video)

Paying \$300/video for a contractor



















What's the ROI?







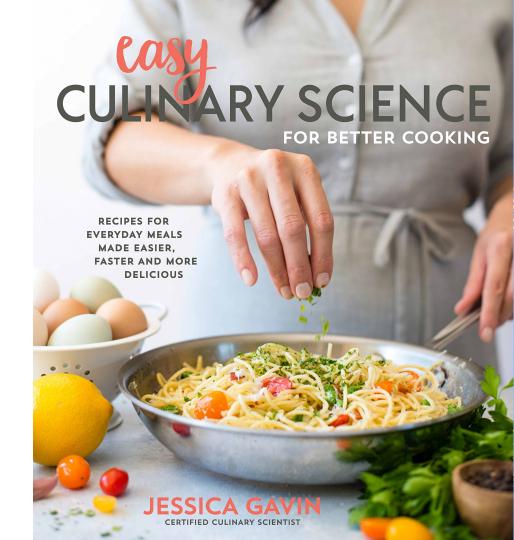






Return on Investment

- Better quality leads to more sharing
- Outsourcing creates more time
- E-A-T
- Traffic Improves
- Increase in sponsored posts
- New revenue sources
- Finally making money!
- Confidence to get out of your comfort zone



Action Items

- How many hours in a week do you have devoted to blogging?
- Calculate the value of your time?
- Make a list of business tasks and prioritize your strengths.
- Build a list of potential contractors (network here and ask people).
- Reduce distractions and create a 3+ month editorial calendar.
- Understand your commitment level and what you need to do to scale up.

















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