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## Post Covid Career & Business Summit

When money is lost, nothing is lost, when health is lost, something is lost but when character is lost, ALL IS LOST

- Billy Graham

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# Entrepreneurship: A Post Pandemic Era Strategy

### Who are you?

- Your character/credibility
- Your passion?
- Do you have a solution (product or service)?
- Your network? (will determine your networth)
- Investing in training? (3% of your earnings)
- Goal setter?
- Social media savvy?
- Techie savvy?

## What is your current status?

- In business
- Employed
- Side hustle
- Your savings
- Your expenses / burn rate
- FOCUS ON THE MONEY COMING IN!!!

## Starting a post pandemic business

- Your research?
- What's trending?
- Target market?
- Their need? Food retail, cleaning, delivery, healthcare
- Your solution?
- Your network -

"always remember it's a number's game"

### Business plan

- Smart
- Measurable
- Achievable
- Realistic
- Timely

### Forecasts

- Turnover / income
- Set up costs
- Running costs



### Funding....

- Your savings ("count your pennies and your pounds will come")
- Family/friends
- Investors
- Banks
- Government funded small business grant (£10k)
- Peer-to-peer lenders (e.g. Funding Circle)
- Credit cards (interest free only!!!)

## Legal & regulatory obligations

- Register company (www.companieshouse.gov.uk)
- Operate as a sole trader/partnership
- Seek:
  - financial advice
  - legal advice
  - Accountant
  - HMRC / VAT (<u>www.hmrc.gov.uk</u>)
  - Professional indemnity insurance
  - Product liability insurance
  - Employer liability insurance
- Building and contents insurance etc

## Small businesses thriving during lockdown

- Cleaning services
- Delivery services
- Mask makers
- Grocery stores
- Food prep. Delivery services
- Baking
- Telehealth services
- Online electronics

## Any benefit of exploring multiple income streams?

- Self esteem
- Job security
- Progression
- Pension plans
- Good living

- Inflation costs
- Emergency expenses
- Time is money
- Diversification
- The fun factor

#### Multiple income streams

#### Business opportunities:

- Fashion designer transition to making health products e.g. face masks
- Social media influencer
- Online sales and marketing
- Training & retraining / e-learning solutions online
- Home and office makeovers
- Sale of second hand products online (Amazon, Ebay etc)
- IT/Financial Services/Quality Assurance Consultancy

## "Anybody who thinks money will make you happy, hasn't got money."

#### Business opportunities (cont'd):

- Online entertainment
- Catering online
- Specialised Staffing (recruitment)
- Life coach
- Teach a digital course
- Small scale production of household goods
- Start a blog
- Self publish on Amazon
- Uber driver

## "Selling is essentially a transference of feeling"

#### Business opportunities (cont'd):

- Supply of food items
- Supplier to leisure centres
- Personal and Corporate Services Deliveries, Couriers
- Hair and make up centres
- Image consultant
- Real estate
- Career development consultancy
- Counselling
- After school club/childcare

### Money Management

- Get rid of unnecessary spending!
  - Review your household bills subscriptions (Sky, Netflix, gym etc), utilities, insurance
  - Arrange payment holidays for mortgages, loans, rents
  - Get into the habit of regular saving

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## Who will be the winners?

- Businesses that use cloud computing will not buckle under the pressure of the corona virus pandemic
- Further automation and artificial intelligence will enhance the resilience of supply chains
- Successful businesses will have a combination of resilience and agility

Source: World Economic Forum

### Other nuggets

- Carve out a niche for yourself
- Always take a long term view to your business
- Keep start up costs a minimum
- Don't forget your "bread and butter income" to pay your bills
- Find a business mentor
- Surround yourself with positively minded people ("iron sharpens iron")
- Your business is only as successful as the people who work for you /with you
- Never ever give up!
- "It is blessing to give than to receive"

## Useful sources of information

www.gov.uk/browse/business

www.gov.uk/business-support-helpline

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-a-grant-through-thecoronavirus-covid-19-self-employment-income-supportscheme

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### Questions?



