

Lesson 28 - Goal Setting (Part 2)

In our last lesson we diagrammed the dynamics of meaningful goal setting, underscoring the importance of recognizing the experiential level of seeking and attaining a goal. In this lesson we will more deeply explore the dynamics of connecting the client with his or her desired experience.

Whatever material goal you are seeking, you are really seeking the *experience* you believe the material goal will bring you. You want to feel a sense of wealth, self-expression, comfort, connection, or aliveness, and you believe that achieving your goal will help you feel that way. So the goal is not really the end in itself; it is a means to a way of feeling.

If you had the goal but not the feeling, you would remain unsatisfied. Likewise, if you gained the feeling you seek but the material aspect of the goal did not come forth, you probably would not care that much. When you fulfill your desired experience, the means to it becomes superfluous.

When a coaching client asked me to help her manifest her dream home, I asked her to describe it to me.

“My dream home is a house on a hill, surrounded by tall trees, with an ocean view.”

“Great,” I replied. “What feeling does the house give you?”

“Security,” she answered.

“And the hill?”

“The hill would show me perspective.”

“Excellent. And the trees?”

“Trees represent growth.”

“Now, your ocean view?” I went on.

“The ocean attunes me to depth.”

“Perfect,” I replied. “So you are really looking for security, growth, depth, and expansiveness.”

“That’s right!” She lit up.

“If you could feel all of those experiences, would you really need the house?”

“I guess it wouldn't matter.”

I wasn't trying to talk my client out of her house; I was trying to show her a short cut to what she really wanted. Because we are spiritual beings at our core, it is the *feeling* of a particular experience that we crave.

The word “emotion” can be broken down into “e-motion,” which stands for “energy in motion.” When you focus on an emotion, you set into motion the energy associated with it. This is why it is so important to identify and attune yourself to the feelings you associate with the thing you want. When you get those feelings moving, with or without the material object, two things happen: (1) You feel good right where you stand; and (2) You set into motion a wave of energy that attracts the thing you want.

When working with a client to manifest a goal, seek to discover the feeling(s) the client is trying to experience. Draw the client forth to describe as many of those feelings as clearly as possible. Then ask the client if there is some way he could find those feelings right where he stands. If you can help the client drop into the feeling level of the experience even before he gets the manifestation, you will be performing a service of the highest magnitude—and perhaps save the client years (or lifetimes!) of effort.

The metaphysician Neville Goddard (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neville_Goddard) discusses *The Law of Reversibility*. We all know that if you get the thing you want, you will likely get the feeling you seek, Neville explains. But what most people do not realize is that if you get the feeling of the thing you seek, you amplify your power to attract the thing you desire. This is a brilliant insight into how to make the Law of Attraction work on your behalf. (I highly recommend Neville’s books as an adjunct to this program. You can find them at <http://www.devorss.com/search.cgi>.)

Because you are a spiritual being at your core, it is only the *spirit* of an experience that can satisfy you. The material aspects of a goal are the accoutrements, or external expression of an internal goal. Material success is a by-product of clarified consciousness. Get clear on the feelings you associate with your goal, cultivate them, and you will progress rapidly to what you seek in both the inner and outer worlds.

Exercise:

1. Name three things you would like to manifest in your life:

a.

b.

c.

2. Name the most prominent feeling or experience you believe each of these things will bring you:

a.

b.

c.

3. Take a few moments to meditate or visualize until you find your desired feeling for each item within you right now.

4. The next time you coach a client, walk him or her through this process and watch the results.

Affirm:

**As a spiritual being, only experience will satisfy me.
I find and claim my desired experience right where I stand.
I assist my clients to find their desired experiences right where they stand.
I accelerate my clients' spiritual growth and manifestations,
as well as my own.**

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