

# What Do You Want To Be When You Grow Up?



My Godson recently asked me to play with him and his siblings, in a make-believe game he called Business Funds. Being the cool Aunt I am, I committed to jumping in, but I had no idea what I was getting in to! He set himself up at a real desk with a notepad and a phone—he was the “Big Wig” and his sisters were his assistants, set up the same way, just across the room. I was blown away at the level of detail they put into acting out the reception area, right down to the judgmental expressions on their faces, their body movements, and the sentences they used. I was immediately transported into this make-believe world and didn’t dare smirk or comment on it all; I was too busy absorbing what was going on and trying to keep up! So after the screening, I finally made it into the “Big Wig’s” office. I froze when he looked me in the eye and asked me a very serious question, “Well . . . what do YOU want to do?” Whoa! When did he grow larger than life? This just got real! PANIC!

Here in make-believe land, I could do ANYTHING I wanted, and I was put on the spot, with 2 or 3 sets of impressionable eyes staring me down. These kids DO believe I can do absolutely anything, and they tell me so, all the time. The reality of the last few years of learning in my life set in. I know and preach how you have to be clear and focused and heart-centered on what you want, in all aspects of your life, but I still hadn’t gotten solid on what I wanted to do, entirely, with my new life! I realized then, it was taking me a while to let go of any excuses I had for not going after every single dream I came up with. It sank in: This is NOT make-believe. I REALLY CAN DO ANYTHING I WANT! Gulp! My soul spoke up, as if coaching my voice how to say it out loud, “I want to travel the world and help people.” There it was—I had admitted it, and I had an audience! As I sat there reeling at the whole experience, Mr Big Wig continued on, as serious as it gets, “Oh? That’s interesting. And how will you do that?” Once you REALLY get to this reality, that you CAN do and be anything you want, it’s overwhelming, to put it lightly, and I think that’s why we panic and automatically want to run from it!

Still in a daze, I continued to let words just flow out, “Well, I like to write and share what I learn, so maybe I can go where people need help and write about it and get the word out, so other people that want to help know about it?” I was questioning myself and looking for his real acceptance, as I went. Man, was I nervous! God bless these kids for giving me some real practice! (Later that day, he asked me if I was really going to travel far away. When I said I’d like to, he got all serious and said, “But not too far that you can’t come back to us, right?” I reassured him I could always bring a plane home, anytime, and he seemed relieved. Ah, the reminder that I wasn’t really “leaving anything behind.” Ah, the love!)

I admit I was still floating a bit above it all, as he continued questioning what my needs would be (a pilot-his little brother, who he interviewed later-- to get us there, the supplies, medical resources and other volunteers, financial donations, a website to follow my journey and social media to keep communications flowing both ways, the method to deliver on-going supplies, etc.) and as “his assistants” scheduled follow-up meetings with me where they gave me a booklet (a real, handmade booklet) providing maps, cultural tips, translation help, etc. On the cover of this booklet, after my full name, my niece had written, “I HoPe you Do grat at your New Job!!” How perfect is that? Inside, she threw in an “I love you” too. This is a keeper. Those rug rats don’t skimp on the make-believing! WOW!

Again, the reality set it that there are ALWAYS people to help in whatever way needed—even kids 10 years old and under can figure out the details without blinking an eye! They were taking away any future excuses I could possibly come up with before I even had a chance! WOW!

Now when I was a kid, and truly, up until about a year ago, what I wanted to be when I grew up was much, much different, but I realize now that achieving any dreams gives me the experience and freedom to move on to even more dreams. In under 50 years, I had “mastered?” what I set out to do, from having a successful career and then my own business, to falling in love (more than a couple of times), to raising happy kids (and now a grandson! :), to establishing a home (again, more than a couple of times), to having several circles of good friends, and KNOWING there’s more to life than we always thought. But maybe most important of all, the traumas of my life have taught me what it is about me that makes me think these things were so important, and how the “outside” things do not matter at all. It’s the INSIDE things—inside our very self, and connecting with the inside of others—that lasts. For instance, I’m inside a vast universe, not just inside a building I called “home.” Everything and everyone inside any of the universes is connected, and every part of it is here for each one of us, no matter where we are within it, so wherever I am, I AM HOME. Home is wherever I am! It’s a wonderful feeling, not feeling like I’m going to walk off the edge of the world and be lost, just because I don’t have a “permanent” building I call my home that I feel I need to stay within.

SO KNOWING THIS NOW, I kind of have to let myself go and allow myself to discover more of my unlimited life potential, don’t I? No matter what others think of me or what they want to do for their “normal life,” my “normal life” is just about finding myself so I can be THAT...ever growing, ever changing, ever discovering, right? I tend to find myself easier when I feel I’m helping others, so I guess I need to continue doing that too. After all, I always say, we are LIVING BEINGS, so we can never be doing nothing. Either we’re living by allowing ourselves to grow, or we’re dying by resisting and stunting our natural growth—it’s as simple as that. So “What do I want to be when I grow up?” . . . TO BE CONTINUED . . . WOO HOO!!! :) ~Mary Anne

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