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Thread: [SIX-FIGURE LIFE STYLE - \\$400,000 IN MY BANK - True Business/Marketing Success - AMA!](#)

Vigor - October 5, 2018, 5:59 pm

What's up guys.

If you don't know me, I've been on this forum for just about 10 years now. Joined in 2009. Next June will be my 10th year anniversary.

I mention that, because much to the thanks of these forums, I've become a small-time business/marketing mogul.

I started out with Instagram/SM marketing when I first got on here (as well as some other stuff, like programming, development, etc, but that's a different story). I've been growing on those areas and also branching out.

Here is ONE of my accounts as of this morning:

So I've had much of my success in the Instagram marketing area. It started out several years back, when I dedicated myself to learning about how to market a page and really manage and grow it. I developed a name for myself in some communities and had a few successful pages of my own.

Because of that, I had a small time hip-hop artist reach out to me and offer me about \$200 to manage his account per month. Not a bad start. Because of that, I took the money and realized I could do so much more with this shit. I dedicated myself to this area, honed my craft, and kept going.

Here is the deposits from the last month or so.

Since then, I've undergone HUGE success in the marketing area. Because of that, I decided to turn around and reinvest my money in some other areas.

One of the first things was a family member's service business in his local area. I did the research and developed a good business plan for him. After launch, he had clients and was pulling in revenue out the wazoo. Luckily, I was experienced with scaling and included that in his plan. This also gave me huge experience in the local marketing areas. I still get my cut from this even though I'm not really super active in helping him out these days. On the image above, it's the HouseCall Pro deposit, if you were wondering.

These two things, plus a few of my own personal projects that I've been able to invest time into, have given me a huge success that I am thankful for, and that I also owe a lot of my thanks to HF for.

The lifestyle of having the amount of money you want is amazing. First of all, as some of you may know I've been traveling the world living where I want for the past year or so. Second of all, I

fucking love food.

Here is a picture of me with my girl at a 5-star resort/restaurant about 3/4 months ago or so?

That was right before we got our bottle of wine. Should have taken a nice cheers picture, aye? Hahaha.

On top of that, I've taken a bit of time to settle down. Here is the view from the top of my condo currently:

My condo is actually one thing I'm super proud of - tons of amenities in this association, pool access, weight-room/gym access, a nice mall super near by, and a million other things that just make life convenient.

Well guys, I'm loving it. And I feel like answering some questions because questions are good for self-reflection. I like self-reflection. I also don't mind answering all the questions you could have about Instagram marketing. So ask away :)

SIM-3051398 - October 5, 2018, 6:08 pm

I hear a lot about IG Account Management and how it pays quite well. How do you market yourself and by that I mean do you reach out to these pages or do they reach out to you? Are you charging these clients monthly or is it different with everyone? I know quite a bit about Social Media growth so I have been thinking of getting into it.

Vigor - October 5, 2018, 6:18 pm

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Marketing yourself comes down to two things. If you are new to the game, you should probably have your own page and make it clear you are a "manager/promoter/influencer" and include a business email. At that point, you want to make as many connections as possible. You can wait for people to reach out to you or you can reach out to others. The biggest thing IS CONNECTIONS/NETWORKING. You need to get yourself out there and message other people. It never hurts to just shoot someone an email, leave comments on other's pages, and so on. Other than that, just have a successful page and wait - and once you're successful you can do whatever you want with that page (sell it, trade it, etc) and work off references if you want. Once you have a name or proof of success you're usually good to go, but it's a never ending game.

As for charging, it's all done differently. But typically I'm paid to manage accounts. So it depends, but it's usually a monthly charge.

The biggest thing if you're trying to break into this: ALWAYS BE LEARNING.

If you find someone who is great at something, do whatever you can to learn from them.

Snowwy - October 5, 2018, 6:19 pm

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Vigor - October 5, 2018, 6:32 pm

(Oct 5, 2018 06:19 PM)Snowwy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Congratulations mate. That's awesome. Thanks bro. Glad you think so. Put in a lot of work to get to where I am.

Snowwy - October 5, 2018, 6:43 pm

(Oct 5, 2018 06:32 PM)Vigor Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thanks bro. Glad you think so. Put in a lot of work to get to where I am.I could imagine mate. At least you have something to show for it now dude. Well done again.

CheGuevara? - October 5, 2018, 6:53 pm

As a fellow 2009 member to another, hello. Seriously though kudos - you've succeeded. I love to see that.

If you don't mind me asking, did you live at your parent/s house while working with this & did they support you?

Did they help with financial stuff? Anything else? Or did you start at 0 and worked your way up yourself?

I am just curious. Neither is proof that you're less deserving of what you've accomplished.

You have clearly put in a great effort and dedication and you climbed up each time you fell down.

Again kudos my friend - truly happy for you! Keep the great work up and enjoy the fruits of your labor.

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Yes. But as for money they've personally given me to further my life? None. I started at, essentially, 0. Hell, I even saved up for my first laptop, then my first PC, all on my own. Anytime I mentioned what I was doing online they'd just nod their heads and smile or give me reasons why it'd be better to just get a job at a retail store or some shit, lol.

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Omniscient - October 5, 2018, 7:11 pm

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And I am glad you grew up living with your parents. That is not something to take for granted. And I had a feeling you started at 0.

Well done on the degree. Surely it wasn't pointless though I get what you're saying ?

I have a feeling you easily adapt yourself to your surroundings, which is great and not a quality of the majority.

Though I can't say if that has helped you or not but I think it has.

And starting at 0 and turning it into what it is today - amazing. I'm really happy for you.

I wish you all the best of luck in the future!

Zack Fair - October 5, 2018, 7:14 pm

These are the bragging rights threads worth reading. Congratulations and keep it up.

Vigor - October 5, 2018, 7:17 pm

(Oct 5, 2018 07:11 PM)Omniscient Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Everyone loves these success stories. Great job. Keep earning and building your business. Make your family proud.

Ah shit. Thanks Omni. So much of my success is owed to you my man. I honestly don't think I'd be anywhere without the amount of knowledge I've learned off your forum. I've written about that sort of thing here before. Started out with programming, found my way into marketing/social media, and have been learning more and growing ever since. Not to mention your success has always been a huge motivator. Cheers. ?

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Indeed. You are a good example. Speaking of business, if you don't mind me asking - do you have any plans to launch another project?

Say a gaming community, a forum targeted at something different - anything? And same thoughts to you Omni, keep up the great work.

And kudos. You've done a lot and you surely deserve all the fruits of your labor, I wish you and your family the very best.

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Yeah the degree I got is like... eh. Sometimes I feel like I shouldn't have wasted money on that. Other times it's like, well, you know, I have a degree - and that's one thing that won't ever go away, even if all my money did for some reason. I'll always have my education.

Thanks man!

SIM-3558566 - October 5, 2018, 7:25 pm

Your story is very similar to mine, though I'm still trying to break into opening a local business. I have a few ideas, but still thinking on them. I like to plan everything in advance. There's tons of money to be made locally and local marketing is so freaking easy. Enjoyed the read, thanks for the write up.

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Yeah feed the positive side and feel good about it, you've got a degree & perhaps it gave you at least some knowledge? And knowledge is key.

Sure you spent some money but if knowledge was gained I wouldn't call it wasted money. And who knows perhaps it will be of great use (the degree), one day in the future for whatever reason. You never know. Meanwhile, live in the moment and enjoy it to the fullest my man! Bless you and all you hold dear.

Mr Professor - October 5, 2018, 8:39 pm

I genuinely feel so happy after reading this post!

Thanks for sharing it. You definitely deserve this after your hard work.

Vigor - October 6, 2018, 5:46 am

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Voxi - October 6, 2018, 5:56 am

This legit makes me want to get involved in this stuff. Nice one bro!

I'm probably gonna make an instagram and put it in my bio, do you just grow and get as many followers as possible so people finally hear about you?

CheGuevara? - October 6, 2018, 5:56 am

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Meow - October 6, 2018, 6:00 am

Awesome post, bragging rights section should have more of these threads. Congratulations, very informative, in-depth, and overall quality thread. Keep up the great work! ?

Mr GAngsta - October 6, 2018, 6:19 am

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Vigor - October 8, 2018, 1:57 am

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It's really a multitude of methods. There is no one primary source for clientele in this industry. Cold messaging (not really calling) has worked for me in the past, but advanced methods take a little more knowledge and know how.

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Exactly. Since I've started to get so successful, I took a couple of student of my own under my wing (they approached me), and it really shocked me how self-reflective it was to be a mentor and it was also really rewarding. Never knew how easily I could pass on knowledge and help another person

make tons of money. Had one of my old students pull in more than me last month, I think like 50k? Was definitely impressed with him.

damn.. - October 8, 2018, 2:32 am

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Not really, no. As an actual manager, an account with 7k followers would be the criteria I'd be looking to *manage*, not get managed by.

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do you have this book in a pdf format? i cant find it on google for free. and where can i find people for direct mentoring?

Crazygamer - October 8, 2018, 5:51 am

Nice to see success stories. Great job.

prodigygy1234 - October 8, 2018, 6:21 am

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Vigor - October 8, 2018, 6:24 am

(Oct 8, 2018 06:21 AM)prodigygy1234 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) take me under your wing, give me a job. anything lol

Well man, I do mentoring. You'll have to pm me for more info on that my friend.

iMario - October 8, 2018, 6:53 am

Amazing brother! Very happy for you. I'm looking forward to having a similar lifestyle! A lot of money, cute girl by my side traveling the world. I'll get there soon working hard on it :)

Rajj - October 8, 2018, 9:14 am

Hey man, congratulations on your success! It's alot of hard work to get to where you're at. I know you mentioned that you have a degree in business. I'm currently studying for my Computer Science degree but I'm also interested in learning the skills necessary to start my own business, so do you know of any valuable resources outside of a university degree that would teach fundamental business skills?

Wheelie - October 9, 2018, 9:57 am

First of all Congratulations on your success on Instagram marketing. I sold my 1 million accounts to a social media network you're probably familiar of yourself and I feel like I regret it atm. Anyway, I wanted to ask you:

1. Is your social media marketing business involving having multiple Huge IG accounts and selling a shoutout bundle?
2. Do you involve FB marketing at all for other business service for example?

Ice - October 10, 2018, 7:42 am

Congragulations on all the success, Truly motivating too see people earning as much as this from things like Instagram Marketing. Don't know you but i'm happy for your succuess, enjoy it and don't forget too keep up the grind!

Strayaa - October 10, 2018, 7:51 am

Damn bro congratulations! that's so awesome! Any tips for someone like me? I work manual labor for \$10 an hour ;(

Shoaibar - October 12, 2018, 6:06 am

It's amazing what one can achieve with constant hard work plus who's willing to adapt with the current marketing niches. Good work.

K3njii - October 12, 2018, 12:00 pm

bro,

congrats to u, I wish to live this lifestyle one day. I have my own plans of how i'm going to get there and I know it'll take work

If you dont mind me asking what exactly does a marketer do? like i get that you market the page n stuff but like exactly how does this work? like do you have a instagram page and they ask you to basically drive traffic to it?

Lavish Living - October 12, 2018, 12:10 pm

Buy your girl some more jewelry you selfish bastard, she's basically naked and if you're balling that hard you can drop some bands on some nice pieces for her

MonEy - October 12, 2018, 2:29 pm

Well done my friend. It's good to see people like you around HF.

Many people will start a project and if they don't make money in a few days they will give up. You are living proof that giving up is not an option, if you work hard you will always succeed. Congratulations on your success and keep it up. P.S, don't get greedy. That's when things start to turn around.

I didn't realise there was so much money in managing people's IG profiles, have you ever tried IG advertisement?

MR. MORNINGsTAR - October 12, 2018, 2:33 pm

Good for you man, well done!

Vigor - October 13, 2018, 6:51 pm

(Oct 12, 2018 12:10 PM)Lavish Living Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Buy your girl some more jewelry you selfish bastard, she's basically naked and if you're balling that hard you can drop some bands on some nice pieces for her

Hahahaha that's funny ? Having been in the game for so long I try not to let girls take advantage of me, especially because there's a lot of gold diggers around where I'm at. I tend not to even tell them how much I make for a long time. But, my girl now has proven her loyalty time and time again. It may just be time to get something nice :)

Masoom - October 13, 2018, 6:59 pm

Congratulations on your success. I hope to get there one day.

WageWolf - October 13, 2018, 10:36 pm

Glad to hear these success stories, awesome!

Voltaire - October 14, 2018, 10:28 am

Wow, you seem like an awesome guy. I am 14 and currently starting out on HF, with goals of ending up successful like you. How do you recommend I get started with something like what you have done? I am doing some Instagram CPA marketing. I'm a great writer, and I work well with customers. How do I start off?

Thank you very much!

PolyGram - October 14, 2018, 12:44 pm

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P1nkman - October 15, 2018, 11:51 am

Great story, very inspiring

PerfectStorm - October 15, 2018, 11:59 am

Great thread, congrats man ! good life

Lavish Living - October 15, 2018, 2:59 pm

(Oct 14, 2018 12:44 PM)PolyGram Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) pretty sure this is fake as ive seen this same photos on 4chan posted 6 months ago

Probably. Like meow and trappy posting fake pics flexing and shit

Vigor - October 15, 2018, 10:28 pm

(Oct 15, 2018 11:59 AM)PerfectStorm Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Great thread, congrats man ! good life

Thanks my bro bro. Glad you like, been working hard for this life I built.

MAST3RM1ND19 - October 16, 2018, 5:27 am

Beautiful man you earned every cent! Respect to you

Vigor - October 19, 2018, 10:15 pm

(Oct 16, 2018 05:27 AM)MAST3RM1ND19 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Beautiful man you earned every cent! Respect to you

Thanks brother man, I appreciate that ?

SIM-403479 - October 20, 2018, 1:06 pm

Really enjoyed reading this one.

Good job OP very inspirational!

BOX99 - October 20, 2018, 4:38 pm

Respect. I see people saying they want to get into IG marketing too, because of your success. While that may not be a bad idea, the real lesson here is that if you put in the work and have patience, you will see the benefits. Good job, bud. I'll be digging through your posts for some knowledge.

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WageWolf - October 29, 2018, 1:06 pm

(Oct 20, 2018 10:17 PM)Vigor Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thanks my man, glad you enjoyed my post and that you found it inspirational. Good luck to you!

It sure was, much love brother!

Capital Bra - October 29, 2018, 3:17 pm

Wow this is a great life ;)