

Cheerleaders or Dreamstealers: Who do you surround yourself with?

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Who do you allow into your inner-most circle of advisors? I'm talking about the top 2 or 3 people, whom we allow to 'speak wisdom' into our lives. Not just casual friends, we are talking about our inner circle of most-trusted people. People in this circle often consist of a spouse or significant other, 1 or 2 of our closest friends, perhaps parents, or our siblings.

Look at these people in your inner-circle. Are they cheerleaders or dream-stealers?

We know who the cheerleaders are. They are easy to spot. Few things are as refreshing as being around somebody who believes in you, and supports your efforts to achieve success wholeheartedly. The cheerleader says things like, "*You can do this!, and I may not understand everything that you're doing, but I believe in you, and if you set your mind to it, I know you will succeed. I'm in your corner!*"

What exactly is a dream stealer? They are 'red-light thinkers,' pessimists, negative energy people, etc. We know they are all around us, everyday.

It is important for us to take inventory of the people we have allowed into our inner circle - is one of them a dream stealer? Look closely. The dream stealer, if they are in your 'inner circle, usually means well. They are usually people who care about us and only want the best for us. The problem is that they view the world through a different set of sunglasses than you do. What you see as an opportunity, they only see caution, risk, deception, fear. The dream stealer says things like, "*You know you're not cut out for this; watch out! Don't do that. Don't trust him, watch out for her, Why would you want to do something like that? That's risky, That will never work,*" etc.

If you allow the red-light thinkers to influence you in your business, or in the achievement of your goals, you will surely pay a price. Remember the 'Bucket of Crabs' metaphor? Just as one crab is about to escape the bucket to gain freedom, the other crabs always pull him back into the bucket.

As you study the *Laws of Attraction*, *The Power of Positive Thinking*, *The Secret*, and other schools of thought for achieving what you want in life, you will find that there is no room for dream stealers on your team.

What to do with a dream stealer in your inner circle? Remember, these are people close to you, and usually people who care about you. We don't throw them out of our lives. The simple solution is, don't take business advice from them! Let it go '*in one ear, and out the other.*'

Surrounding yourself with a small group of cheerleaders, whom are straight forward & honest with you, yet committed to support you in achieving your goals.. this is known as a MasterMind group. The MasterMind group was first brought into light by Napoleon Hill, the author of *"To Think & Grow Rich,"* the multi-generational best-seller. I will write more on MasterMind groups in an upcoming article.

The bottom line is this - The choice is yours. Set yourself up to win. Surround yourself with cheerleaders. Train yourself to identify the dream stealers, and minimize their influence on you!

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