

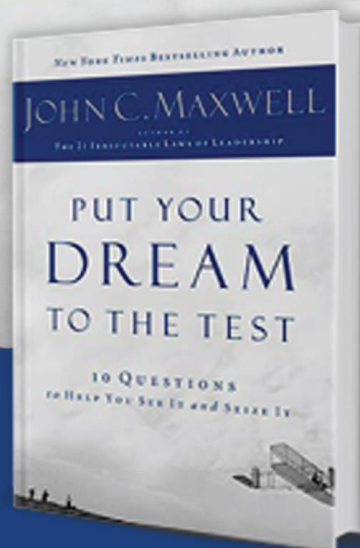
# PUT YOUR DREAM TO THE TEST

10 QUESTIONS  
*to HELP YOU SEE IT and SEIZE IT*

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**Chapter 7:**

**THE COST QUESTION**

*Am I Willing To Pay The Price For My Dream?*

What struggles do you see happening before you succeed?

**THE PRICE OF A DREAM**

What price are you willing to pay?

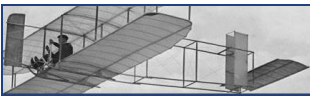
**WHAT WILL YOU PAY?**

1. The Dream is \_\_\_\_\_, But the Journey \_\_\_\_\_.

What have you learned about sacrifice?

2. The Price Must Be \_\_\_\_\_ Sooner Than \_\_\_\_\_ Think.

What would the return be if you never invest?



3. The Price Will Be \_\_\_\_\_ Than Your \_\_\_\_\_.

Why is the price always higher than you expect?

4. The Price Must Be \_\_\_\_\_ More Than \_\_\_\_\_.

There are no toll-free roads. The further you go and develop your dream, the costlier it becomes. Why does the price have to be paid more than once for your dream?

Discuss the axiom “The higher you want to go, the more you must give up!”

5. Is It Possible To Pay \_\_\_\_\_ For our Dream?

What price is too high to pay for your dream?

Explain why it might be possible to pay too much for your dream.

### YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR THESE

1. Pay the Price of Dealing With \_\_\_\_\_ From People Who \_\_\_\_\_.



Discuss Ralph Waldo Emerson's quote. What is he saying about your dream?

Why is criticism from people who matter such a high price to pay for your dream?

When should you listen and when should you ignore what others have to say?

**Points to consider:**

- a) Listen to people who unconditionally love you.
- b) Criticism is not tainted by their personal agenda.
- c) The person is not naturally critical of everything.
- d) The person will continue to support you after giving advice.
- e) The person has knowledge and success in the area of criticism



2. Pay the Price of \_\_\_\_\_ Your \_\_\_\_\_.

What is the price of overcoming your fears?

What does it mean to leave your comfort zone?

What are your “can’ts”, “musts”, “must nots”, and other unfounded beliefs that you might have?

Explain the difference between living fearlessly and never being afraid?

In achieving your dream, why is it important to refuse to settle for less than what is your due?

3. Pay the Price of \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.

Discuss this phrase, *“It is hard to be 100 percent better than your competition, but you can be 1 percent better in 100 ways.”*



Why is it important to participate rather than just belong to a cause?

What is the difference between caring for people and helping people?

Why is it important to practice what you believe, rather than just believing?

What is the difference between a leader who teaches and a leader who inspires?

Explain why serving is more effective than just giving?

What is the difference between living and growing?



How can I learn to triumph through tragedy rather than just live through it?

*“Most people will base their dream on what will it cost them. Your dream will be based on how much you are willing to pay!”*

How far are you willing to take your dream?

What is the maximum price you will pay?

Everyone suffers and experiences tragedy. Recall the last difficult time you had. What did you or could you have learned from this experience?



### APPLICATION: The Cost Question

Rate how well you are doing: 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10

Questions to answer in your journal:

- How much are you willing to pay for your dream?
- In addition to what you have already been told by others and what you yourself have identified as costs, what *e*/se would you be willing to give up to accomplish your dream?
- What are you *not* willing to pay in order to achieve your dream?
- Are you willing to start paying the price *now*?
- How long are you willing to keep paying for your dream?
- What price should others around you expect to pay for your dream?
- Have you talked to them about that price, and are they willing to pay?
- How willing are you to face criticism from others as you pursue your dream?
- How will you respond if the price to achieve your dream gets too high?
- What would the fallout be to those closest to you if the price got too high and you had to abandon the quest for your dream?
- Once you have achieved your dream, what are you willing to pay to keep it?

Discuss your plans with the Mastermind next week.

Read Chapter 8 for the next meeting.





## **Chapter 8:**

### **THE TENACITY QUESTION**

*Am I Moving Closer To My Dream?*

Discuss the story of Elizabeth Keckly.

How does her experience illustrate tenacity?

### **DOES YOUR DREAM MAKE YOU STRONGER OR WEAKER?**

*The great majority of men are bundles of beginnings. – Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Why do my people shrink at the obstacles when pursuing their dreams?

### **KEEP FIGHTING FOR YOUR DREAM**

*President Woodrow Wilson affirmed the importance of dreams: “We grow by dreams. All big individuals are dreamers. They see things in the soft haze of a spring day, or in the red fire on a long winter’s evening. Some of us let those great dreams die, but others nourish and protect them; nourish them through bad days until they bring them to the sunshine and light which comes always to those who sincerely hope that their dreams will come true.”*



*“If you want to become someone who nourishes a dream until it comes true, then you need to keep working, keep striving, and keep moving closer to your dream.”*

1. To Move Closer to Your Dream... Recognize That \_\_\_\_\_ Is More About \_\_\_\_\_ You Are Than \_\_\_\_\_ You Are.

What have you quit in your life that you wish you hadn't?

What excuses did you use that caused you to quit or give up?

What areas of life have you failed in?

Did you assume responsibility for failure or did you blame someone else?

What events in your life have caused you to stop pursuing your dream?



You might not have control over external events, but you do have control over the determination, resiliency and passion inside of you. What is stopping you or preventing you from continuing on your journey of attaining your dream?

2. To Move Closer to Your Dream... Improve Your \_\_\_\_\_.

Review the lists on pages 172, 173. Do an audit of your words from the past 30 days. How many on the left and on the right?

What things in life have you said you can't do?

What things in life have you said you can do?

3. To Move Closer to Your Dream... Recognize That \_\_\_\_\_ for Everything to Be \_\_\_\_\_ Is Wrong.

What is the first step in my life that requires me to move out of my comfort zone?



What is my plan to move from where I am now to where I want to be?

What procrastination qualities do I need to discard in my life in order for me to move closer to my dream? *(I.E. Waiting for perfection, inspiration, reassurance, a new job, a new relationship, kids to leave home, more self-confidence, absence of risk, the pain to go away; or any other excuse to put off.*

*What needs to be done NOW?)*

4. To Move Closer to Your Dream... Change Your \_\_\_\_\_.

If you had the necessary time, what things would you do that would move you closer to you dream?

How does your thinking have to change in order for your dream to be realized?

5. To Move Closer to Your Dream... Recognize That the \_\_\_\_\_  
For Your Dream \_\_\_\_\_ the Moment You Do.



Why do resources for your dream stop the moment you do?

6. To Move Closer to Your Dream...Practice the \_\_\_\_\_ of Five.

What things in your life are distractions from finding your dream and fulfilling your destiny?

What things do I need to change in order for me to be productive rather than being busy?

### THE RULE OF FIVE

**The Rule of 5** states that *“If you would go every day to a very large tree and take 5 swings at it with a very sharp ax, eventually, no matter how large the tree, it would have to come down.”*



What could be your Rule of Five for your Dream – today?

What things still exist that seem impossible? As you think and ponder, and continue to seek after, what are the odds in achieving your dream?

What things can I do that will motivate and compel me to follow my dream?

Today matters! What incremental steps can I take that I will do every day that will be conducive in attaining my dream?



### **APPLICATION: The Tenacity Question**

Rate how well you are doing: 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 – 7 – 8 – 9 – 10

Questions to answer in your journal:

- Are you more of a doer or a thinker?
- If you tend toward thinking, what can you do to make yourself more proactive?
- Does the desire for perfection ever keep you from taking action?
- If so, what can you do to overcome that hindrance?
- What action can you take every day to put yourself into a more activist state of mind?
- Are there activist people in your life with whom you could partner with to get more done?
- Which is more appealing to you: a bold action that takes you a major step forward or many small daily actions that will chip away at a goal?
- How can you tap into that?
- What aspects of your dream really fire you up?
- How can you harness that enthusiasm to make you more tenacious?

Discuss your plans with the Mastermind next week.

Read Chapter 9 for the next meeting.