

# **Cultivate Your Curiosity**

**LAW 10: Always make your questions bigger than your answers.** —The Laws of Lifetime Growth by Dan Sullivan and Catherine Nomura

"As children, when we're all growing at a rapid rate, we ask lots of questions. As we get older, we gradually begin to think we have a lot of the answers. For some people, their entire sense of security and self-image depends on having all the answers—on never being wrong. As a result, these people try to understand everything in terms of what they know. But all growth lies in the territory of the unknown. What we already know is in the past. What we have yet to discover is the future. Always make your questions bigger than your answers, and you'll keep drawing yourself into a bigger future with new possibilities."

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"The key to progress and success in 2007 is not the goals you establish, but the growth you achieve."

Jesus Christ, the Master Teacher, often answered a question with a question. Examples:

- What did Moses command?
- Why do you call Me good?
- Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?
- Which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his life span?
- Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your eye?
- Which one of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?
- What do you want me to do for you?
- Whose likeness is on this coin?
- Who do men say I am?
- Who do you say I am?

There is nothing more powerful than a question. Why? The mind cannot ignore it.

# **Seven Benefits of Making Your Questions Bigger Than Your Answers:**

## 1. Increases Your Clarity

What you fail to question will fail to be clear in your mind.

# 2. Fuels Your Creativity

"The uncreative mind can spot wrong answers, but it takes a creative mind to spot wrong questions."

—Anthony Jay

"Imagination is more important than knowledge."

—Albert Einstein

"Discovery consists of looking at the same thing as everyone else and thinking something different."

—Albert Szent-Gyorgi

# 3. Confirms Your Integrity

Questions keep us from false assumptions that lead to poor actions. You can get into trouble making assumptions.

#### 4. Establishes Your Priority

Questions provide a means of "mental whittling" to get down to what really matters. Mental clutter can keep us from focusing on what is important.

# 5. Expands Your productivity

"Never tell people how to do things; tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity."

—George S. Patton

#### 6. Strengthens Your Certainty

Good questions lead to qualitative answers.

# 7. Expresses Your Vulnerability

We all live in a world of expanding knowledge and limited understanding. There are times when questions need to be expressed, but the answers can prove to be unsatisfactory.

I know, O LORD, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps. —Jeremiah 10:23

