

A Discussion of Gleaning, Leveraging, and Multiplying Talents

This piece is in process at this time and is intended to be a starting place in the discussion of helping people understand the power of the concept of gleaners and leveraging combined with the internet. . . Remember, don't simply visit one of these sites and go on—most websites have residual value: Check out each site, their partner links, and glean something of value from each site. When you find something of value, pass it on to others in your community, too, AND let us know so that we can modify this listing for others. Although we will constantly update and change it, we invite you to help us as we help others to learn these concepts and find great-value websites. Ask, seek, look, knock, and you will find!

Definition of Verb 1. Glean gln: gleaned, glean-ing, gleans v.intr./v.tr. 1. To gather (grain) left behind by reapers. 2. To collect bit by bit: "records from which historians glean their knowledge" Kemp Malone. See Synonyms at reap. [Middle English glenen, from Old French glener, from Late Latin glennre, probably of Celtic origin.] The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition copyright ©2000 by Houghton Mifflin Company. Updated in 2003. Published by Houghton Mifflin Company.

Noun 1. Gleaner: someone who picks up grain left in the field by the harvesters (farm worker, farmhand, field hand, fieldhand - a hired hand on a farm). 2. Gleaner - someone who gathers something in small pieces (e.g. information) slowly and carefully (accumulator, collector, gatherer - a person who is employed to collect payments as for rent or taxes) Based on WordNet 3.0, Farlex clipart collection. © 2003-2008 Princeton University, Farlex Inc.

Definition of Leverage: the effective use of information, information systems, and technology (or anything the like) to increase the means and synergy in accomplishing a strategy. lev-er-age (lvr-j, lvr-) n. 1. a. The action of a lever. b. The mechanical advantage of a lever. 2. Positional advantage; power to act effectively: "started his . . . career with far more social leverage than his father had enjoyed" Doris Kearns Goodwin. 3. The use of credit or borrowed funds to improve one's speculative capacity and increase the rate of return from an investment, as in buying securities on margin. tr.v. lev-er-aged, lev-er-ag-ing, lev-er-ag-es 1. a. To provide with leverage. b. To supplement with leverage. 2. To improve or enhance: "It makes more sense to be able to leverage what we do in a more effective way". The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition copyright ©2000 by Houghton Mifflin Company. Updated in 2003. Published by Houghton Mifflin Company.

Selected Sites to Consider Engaging:

www.giftsinkind.org Gifts in Kind International is a membership association +-\$140 annual fee and receive weekly lists of products available, coupons, and discounts, and info on free product distribution to members. Computers, printers, toys, women's clothing, and in-kind philanthropic management for more than 250 corporations in America distributing more than \$980 million annually.

www.TECHmd.org Technical Exchange for Christian Healthcare is a membership association focused on Health Clinics and related products. Join for +-\$140 annual and receive weekly lists of products available, and information on product distribution to members.

www.GoodSearch.com Provides residual income as you and your constituents search online. Use this search engine powered by *Yahoo!* and make money as you do! Tell others to use it and give your church/school/charity as the recipient!

www.GoodShop.com Similar to GoodSearch.com only this is a shopping site with many major retailers: when you/your constituency buys through them, you get 8 to 10 to 20 percent of the sale! Put this info out to your mailing list, students, clients, etc.

Website gleaners with online training: www.UnlimitedProvision.org Get a website for only the hosting fee and learn via tutorials to do YOUR website yourself! www.E-zekiel.com Website builder for with a few choices including online streaming, etc. BUT still very inexpensive. www.ventureCD.org Another website gleaner that provides some start-up help for reasonable fee.

www.RACOnline.org An abundance of resources available to help rural communities and many links. . .

Sites to Perform Due Diligence on ASAP and Consider:

www.ShareNetworkMO.org This easy to use Resource Directory could be a "One Stop" for links to local community resources developed and accessed state-by-state. Each state has their own Share Network. You'll need to google something similar for yours.

www.ebay.com Learn to peruse and purchase using this GREAT online site!

www.gftw.org Gleaning for the World: Furniture, food, clothing.

www.Overstock.com Excess product gleaned and gathered by for-profit company.

www.ConvoyofHope.org Gleans and redistributes more than \$100,000,000 annually mostly for disaster relief.

www.craigslist.com Find products and items in your city, area, state, region, or nationally at incredibly cheap/reduced pricing. Be careful BUT you can find almost anything incredibly cheap! Other similar sites such as www.FreeCycle.org, etc.

www.TMAincIntl.com Architect company with Christian connections all over the United States and the world. Ask them to recommend a kindred spirit architect in your city or area.

www.Arks.org Architect, supplier, builder, financier, fundraiser consultant ALL in one company.

Many major corporations in America match dollar for dollar up to \$5,000 or so what their employees give to nonprofits (yes, most include churches). Also, stockholders, retired employees, and more. Many lists can be found on the internet.

Selected Sites to Check Out Soon in Your Spare Time:

www.OurFirstChurch.org Company that helps people obtain, build, finance, and pay for their first church building.

www.MercyTree.org Notebooks, how-to guides, and turn-key implementable operations to set-up childcare, housing, single-parent, car, and/or a welfare to work ministry within 30 days! Notebooks contain VHS video and guide and are only \$65 per notebook/topic.

www.nationalservice.org Corporation for National and Public Service

www.OurCommunityMakeover.com An organization made up of professional architects, builders, financiers, capital campaign consultants, and others that help cities, municipalities, communities, and neighborhoods with restoration/refurbishing access.

www.iDonate.com This organization facilitates your being able to accept cars, stocks, etc. contributions for a small annual membership fee and very small transaction fee.

www.SendJoyToday.com An online greeting card system to say "thank you" in a powerful way with everyone! Use the system to give appreciation to your volunteers, staff, or family! Use it for residual income. The system has over 12,000 cards to choose from (Wal-Mart carries 3,000 cards) OR upload your digital photos and design your own card. After typing in your message, click send and the company prints a beautiful card (valued at about \$4 in store) stuffs them, addresses them in blue ink, stamps them (a real stamp) and mails them for you. The cards are \$1.50 or less plus postage. Try sending a sample free card or two at: www.sendjoytoday.com or call Darryl Manning at: (405) 413-5447. He'll answer your questions, coach you to get started, or help you.

www.LifeStewardMinistries.org Excellent resources specifically for Pregnancy Resource Centers BUT the information and process gleaned is great across the board for everyone!

www.MultiplyingTalents.com Information and consulting at a reasonable price to help you incorporate your nonprofit and access a 501(c)(3) at a fair price! The more you do for yourself, the less you pay for the help.

www.Grants.gov This is the clearing house for federal grants. Even if you don't qualify OR apply, this will provide you great newly-released information, updates, and statistics.

www.gsa.gov Learn about government auctions of cars, products, materials, etc. . .

www.modestneeds.org A simple compassionate way to help the working poor get back on their feet. A little change makes a HUGE difference. Remember, giving IS receiving. A GREAT model--check it out!

www.GrantStation.org Access to tens of thousands of grant-making sources for a price (watch for quarterly discounts).

www.overnightprint.com Free business cards and other items.

www.techsoup.com Greatly reduced prices on computer-related packages, word-processing, etc.

www.NAEIR.org The website of the National Association for the Exchange of Industrial Resources.