

Lesson 5

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Odd Twists

Mackenzie Phillips thought back, with disbelief, on the odd twists his life had taken.

Mackenzie had been a hippie. For years, he'd felt justified in rejecting most conventional standards. He smoked old stogies and was lax about his personal hygiene. He was truly an antiestablishment person.

However, he needed to make a living to support himself. Mac had tried the usual things without success. Then one day, he negotiated a trade. He agreed to polish the floors of an office in exchange for a used sofa. To his surprise, Mac discovered that physical labor lifted his spirits.

So he procured a job with a janitorial service. Mac loved not having to wear a suit or a tie. And he got a lot of satisfaction out of seeing the instant results of his labors.

Over time, Mac saved his capital and purchased the company. He obtained contracts from two big corporations, and his company began to grow.

Mackenzie still likes to wield a vacuum, but these days, he usually carries a briefcase instead of a mop.