

Secret #5

Listen to What Others Can Teach You

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Who is your role model in life?

Most managers that are successful in business learned from someone called a mentor. A mentor—or “role model”—is like a teacher who shares their experience and guides others to become better at something. Choosing the right mentors in life—like your parents, grandparents, or a teacher—is important for success.



When learning from others outside of your family, you want to choose mentors who behave the way *you* want to behave throughout your life.

So remember: A handy trick to life is knowing who to be the batboy for—it’s an important decision to make if you want to eventually be a homerun hitter.



Elena learned this lesson not by playing baseball, but from a simple pick-up game of basketball.

Elena is a very good basketball player, and during practice one day, she caught the eye of a sports scout named MR. STRINGER.

Until she met Mr. Stringer, Elena had planned to spend the summer taking a class for college, but he offered her a chance to go to a special teen basketball training camp called Peach Basket.



Well, Elena had stars in her eyes as she imagined herself becoming rich and famous as a professional basketball player.

But when Elena's idol, basketball superstar SHAQUILLE O'NEAL, dropped by to visit *Secret Millionaires Club*, he saw that she needed some helpful advice.

Shaq and Elena played a little half-court "one-on-one," and when Elena accidentally bumped into Shaq, he slipped and fell to the floor with a resounding

crash. Poor Shaq rolled on the court, complaining about his ankle.



Elena was horrified that she had injured her hero, but then Shaq smiled and jumped to his feet.

“See how quickly an athlete can go from ‘superstar’ to ‘out of work’?” Shaq chuckled. “As a sports pro, if you get seriously injured, your career could be over. But education—*education* lasts forever. Nothing can take that away from you.”

Elena saw the wisdom in Shaq’s advice, so she changed her mind, cancelled her plans to attend Peach Basket, and took not one, but *two* courses for college that summer.



As I always like to say, “The more you learn, the more you’ll earn,” so remember:

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