Good Answer!

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It's pretty common to hear the phrase "good question". It happens in conversations all the time. As a reporter, I never liked hearing that. Because I considered ALL my interview questions to be good questions.

You don't hear the phrase Good Answer as much. Unless you're watching The Family Feud.

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I like to explore the skills involved in crafting a "Good Answer".

Obviously, a Good Answer must answer the question posed. And there's more than one good answer. But let's go deeper. In a job interview setting for example, A good answer isn't extemporaneous. You don't just "wing it" and hope it sounds like a good answer. It takes preparation.

In fact, it takes some reverse engineering to fashion a Good Answer to a Good Question. A Good Answer is your unique blend of honesty, humility and understanding in anticipation of a question. And it better not sound memorized.

In my career, I've interviewed thousands of people. I've heard good answers and crummy ones. Here's some advice on composing a compelling and credible **Good Answer**.