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| **26 Questions to Help You Decide If a Late-in-Life Business Is Right for You**  How do you know if starting a business is the right path for you? And how do you know when the time is right to **lay the groundwork** for the next chapter if your work life? If your answer is that you’ll figure it out when you get there, then you’d better figuring it out soon. Creating new income streams with a new enterprise is entirely possible, but it takes time and resources. It’s always best to start small, start slow and start smart – with some self-assessment.  When you ask yourself some simple questions about where you’ll be working at 60 ir 65, don’t see work as a burden to live through. See it as a path to liberation in the later years of your life. Ask yourself:   * Do you understand that staying active and engaged is better for your health and longevity? * Can you **afford** to invest a small amount of money to launch a new enterprise? * Can you invest the time needed to plan, launch and grow a small enterprise? * Can you work through **adversity**?   Start asking yourself questions like these now so you can get ready for a future that is bright with opportunity and resilience. Sure, it can be scary, but it’s much scarier to have no answer the question “Where will you be working when you’re 60 or 65?”  Read on to discover some of the most common questions people ask when they’re considering a new business adventure later in life. They’ll help you take stock of your own situaton so you can make those first moves toward starting a business.  **WHY ME?**  Why is an ageless startup right for you? When you cansider your opotions, you’ll likely see that the question perhaps shouldn’t be “Why me?” but rather “Why not me?” Consider this:   * You have skills and knowledge that have taken most of a lifetime to accumulate. * You have the time to build a new career slowly and thoughtfully that can reflect the values you want to leave for those who follow. * You have networks of friends, colleagues and connections and that are unique in history. * You have the passion to make a difference and time enough on the planet to not care what others think about you.   Why should you start a life of entrepreneurship at this point in the game? Your entrepreneurship self-assessment should be focused on how you want to conduct the rest of your life. When you ask yourself, “Why me?” and wonder if an entrepreneurial this path is the right for you, here are a few questions to guide that inquiry:  Take some time to journal your answers to these questions or create a working document that you can return to later and review your answers? You’ll likely find that the question of “Why me?” is a multifaceted one that touches on several areas of your entrepreneurial spirit, reality and **worldview**.  Older entrepreneurs can create a significant value for themselves and their communities by focusing on the life skills and traits that got them here: **common sense, tenacity** and strong ethic of helping. You can apply your extensive knowledge of what doesn’t work to bypass entrepreneurial roadblocks. You have the time and resiliency to launch new businesses that may be slow to grow but rich in benefits. You don’t need immediate returns as many **investor-backed** startups led by younger thrill-seekers do. You possess **the self-discipline needed** to see tasks through to fruition. By this time in your life, you’ve likely figured out wat you’re trully passionate about and can build new enterprises to serve those goals. | **lay the groundwork:** đặt nền móng.  **Afford:** to be able to do.  **Adversity:** tai họa, nghịch cảnh.  **Worldview:** thế giới quan.  **common sense, tenacity:** ý thức chung, sự kiên trì.  **investor-backed:** nhà đầu tư hậu thuẫn.  **the self-discipline needed:** tự kỷ luật cần thiết. |