5 Steps to Take: <http://youtu.be/xd93uI0EcgI>

1. **Decide** that you will do it. Decide that you will do what it takes to become a highly paid software programmer. GOAL: $125K per year using a Laptop, anywhere on the planet, as a self-employed business owner, using my mind to create worthy value that others will pay me for, while I build knowledge equity in myself, growing an ever expanding network of contacts, while engaging the creative and entrepreneurial aspects of my mind.
2. **Pick a language and decide on a learning project.** Settle on one language to start with, and focus on mastering it. Choose one that is marketable. Choose something that relates to the things you gravitate towards. Think about the kinds of projects you would like to be working on, and figure out the core languages that make up those projects. Choose ONE for your daily focus, go “deep on one” instead of “shallow on dozens” for now.
   1. **Websites:** PHP or Python
   2. iPhone app
3. **Set a learning habit. PrimeTimeHour**. Do your daily prime time learning. Every day for 30 days, do an hour of focused, undistracted learning and improvement of knowledge on your chosen software language. Do it at the optimal hour of your ability to absorb new knowledge. Absolutely no distractions, sounds, visual or mental. Turn off Outlook, Gmail, the Internet, the TV, radio, mp3. Clear your desk of distracting objects, books, magazines, time wasters, mail, and accumulated stuff. Shower, prepare for day, settle everything needed before work, eat, drink, pee, poop, and get completely ready to leave for the day, then settle down for your Hour of Power learning.
4. **Build credibility indicator.** 
   1. Demonstrate that you know how to program
   2. Get in involved in an open source project in some capacity. Again start with the kinds of things that interest you, that involve the language you’ve chosen, and start helping out the project. Has to be an Active Project. Contribute code, documentation, help the community. Credit for your participation. The project, tool, its architecture…can land a job.
   3. Certifications.
   4. Participate in an online software programming community.
      1. Join StackOverflow.com and start building a reputation
   5. Build your own application.
   6. Publish your work.
   7. Blog
5. **Networking**.
   1. Meetups, discussion groups
   2. Don’t have to do it for your whole career
   3. Especially important in launching. Dice, Monster, local professional organizations
   4. Put yourself out there

Mistakes:

1. Not deciding, not taking action
2. Not doing the PrimeTimeHour in every day.
3. Must make steady progress every day.