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Don't Count on Being Thanked



All the thank you notes I received in 2012.

Sparked the Haylee conversation.

I estimate that you only get about 25% of the thank yous that you have coming your way. If you are a thank you fanatic like me who sends, says, and texts tons of thank yous, you can, on occasion, catch yourself looking for that thank you to come back your way. Don't count on it, and that's cool; it's not why you did it to begin with. You get a guy a \$100K job, no thank you, no bottle of wine? You give a limo and a night on the town, a \$1,000 value and not even a text of "hey, thank you"? or \$500 worth of Cowboy tickets...nothing? I really don't do it for the thank you, but I'm human and at times I catch myself thinking was everyone raised with bad manners? Rise above it! Don't keep score. The universe does that for you!

I have more great opportunities that come out of the blue or a distant friend connects me up with. I fully believe all this comes my way because of all the good I throw into the universe. It's a joy to do so many nice things for so many people that you literally forget what you did and a thank you note or gift comes in the mail. Every January 1st, I bag up in a clear bag the previous year's thank you notes and store them in my closet with the other years. This past year Haylee, my stepdaughter, saw me doing this and asked what I was doing. So we randomly grabbed a few notes to read and I explain to her what I did for that person. She was fascinated that there were over 100 of them. I showed her the math. That I received a thank you note roughly every third day, all year long.

Then I walked Haylee to the closet and she saw the years of thank yous. It was a nice lesson for her to see someone living what they were preaching. I asked her if she thought we were doing better in life than most. She said, "yes." I asked do you think we do more for others than most people. Again she agreed. Then finally I asked, do you think it's a coincidence? She said, "No, It looks like the two go hand in hand." I agree with Haylee.