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[INTRODUCTION]

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FT: If 2020 is the year that you become a professional speaker, this episode is for you. Welcome to So Money, everybody. I'm Farnoosh Torabi.

Our friend, Grant Baldwin, is back on So Money. After several years, he's back now after releasing his new book, *The Successful Speaker: Five Steps for Booking Gigs, Getting Paid, and Building Your Platform.* Grant has spoken at over 500 events to over 400,000 people, and he teaches everyday people, you and me, how to build a speaking business from scratch.

Here's Grant Baldwin.

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FT: Grant Baldwin, my friend, welcome back to So Money.

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GB: It is so good to catch up with you my friend, Farnoosh. Thanks for letting me hang out with you.

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FT: Anytime. Sorry. It's been four years. Better late than never. You have a new book.

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GB: This is true.

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FT: Congratulations I should say. You just released your book yesterday, *The Successful Speaker*.

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GB: As you well know, books are just a labor of love. It's a long process. It's a long journey. To finally have it out in the world feels good.

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FT: It's called *The Successful Speaker*, and no one better than you to write this book. We know that – For those of you who missed the first time Grant was on the show, he is a super successful keynote speaker. You also have a podcast. You're an entrepreneur. You're the go-to person for anybody wanting to learn how to either get started as a speaker or enhance their speaking platform.

The Successful Speaker is really a gift to so many people who might not be able to work with you one-on-one, and it has all of your best-kept secrets. As you like to say, it takes more than talent to make it in this business. So let's start there. What does it actually take then?

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GB: Yes. Inside the book, we lay out a five-step process. The subtitle is *Five Steps for Booking Gigs, Getting Paid, and Building Your Platform.* Inside the book, we make this acronym, SPEAK, S-P-E- A-K, that we call the speaker success roadmap. Within that, I'll give you kind of the high-level view, and then we can spring forward to wherever you want to get.

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FT: Sure.

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GB: But the first step of the processes is the S. Select a problem to solve. You have to be really, really clear on two things. One is who you speak to and what is the problem that you solve for that audience. The mistake that a lot of speakers make is that we want to speak. We just like speaking, like speaking is really fun. You and I both do some speaking. It's just being in front of an audience. There's nothing quite like it, and so we just want to speak.

What that leads to is speakers who say, "Well, who do I speak to? I speak to people. I speak to humans. I speak my messages for everyone, right?" Versus saying, "No, no. I speak to this one specific audience" Then the same thing is true on the other side of the equation when it comes to what do you talk about. What's the problem that you solve? People say, "Well, what do you want me to talk about? I can talk about anything. I can talk about sales or leadership or customer service or management or change or marriage or kids or —"

You may know something or be passionate about all those things, but the reality is just like you can't try to position yourself to do all those things for all people. So you have to be really clear on this is who I speak to and this is the problem that I solve. Once you get that part right, then the rest of the steps to the process actually become a lot separate.

It's kind of like a foundation to a house. You get the foundation right, and then the house builds up a lot simpler and smoother. Versus if the foundation is all wonky, then it jacks up the rest of the house. That's the first step of the process is the S. Select a problem to solve.

The P is to prepare your talk. The reality is just like not all talks are created equal. There's differences between keynotes and workshops and seminars and breakouts and even how you create a talk. We dig into that of how you create and deliver a good presentation using slides. You're telling stories, interacting with the audience, doing Q&A, those type of pieces. You're even practicing, preparing, rehearsing for a talk.

The E is establish yourself as the expert. This comes down to your marketing materials, your branding. Two things specifically that every speaker needs is one is a website and number two is a demo video. In this day and age, if you don't have a website, you don't exist. People will not take you seriously. Then you have to have a demo video. People typically before they're willing to hire you and especially before they're willing to pay you, they want some type of footage. They need it to validate that, "Okay. Yes, you're a good fit for our event."

The A, the next of the process, is the acquire paid speaking gigs. Acquire paid speaking gigs. At this point, the mistake that a lot of speakers make is like, "Okay. I know who I speak to, I know what the problem is that I solve, I have my website, I have my video, I have my marketing materials, and I will just sit back and wait for the phone to ring or the emails to come in or the bookings to flyby." That just doesn't work, so you have to be intentional and proactive about, "Okay. I have these pieces in place." But as you well know, like speaking is very much a momentum business. So you have to do some things to get to that ball in motion.

Then the last part of the process is K. Know when to scale. Know when to scale. Farnoosh, you're a great example of this of someone who speak, but you also have your hand in a variety of other things. There are some people that we both know who speak a hundred times a year, and that's all they do, and other people who speak five times a year. Speaking is just a small portion of the overall thing that they do, and both work. Both are effective. It's not that one is better or worse than the other. You just have to decide how speaking fits into the business and what it is that you want to accomplish.

Again, big picture. That's what we cover inside the book. That's kind of the framework that we walk through inside *The Successful Speaker*.

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FT: I feel like in the beginning so much of it is conditioning yourself to believe that you are good enough to be a speaker. I meet so many people that they have accomplished so much in their lives. They've gone through tons of school. They are experts in their fields. They might have books. They have clients. But they say to me timidly, "I'd like to also start speaking more." I'm like, "You are speaking. Just own it. You're a speaker. The fact that you haven't gotten a paid gig yet doesn't mean that you're not a qualified speaker yet."

Talk a little bit about kind of the confidence too, because I don't think that's anywhere here in the acronyms. But maybe there's like a letter here we can add which is just on C, which is confidence. You have to kind of believe in yourself.

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GB: Yeah, you're absolutely right, and I think a couple things to note here. One is that every speaker starts from zero. There was a time where you and I had both done none gigs, zero gigs. We've never been booked. We've never been paid. That's the way. Every speaker, every entrepreneur starts from zero. Then you do your first gig, and it may or may not have gone well. Then you do a second gig and so on and so forth.

Realize that, yes, speaking is very much a momentum business. As the momentum builds over time, as you book more, you gain more confidence over time. You become a more confident speaker. You recognize and realize that you bring value to the table. I think sometimes because the nature speaking is that a lot of times you can charge depending on the market and depending on a variety different variables. You can charge a decent amount for speaking.

Most new speakers are going to be running anywhere from a thousand to a couple thousand dollars, give or take in. Not every event is going to have that, but the events that do like it can feel crazy. I know probably for both of us, there are times where we get paid, and you're just like, "That just seems astronomical and ridiculous that they would pay something like this to speak." But one of the things you have to realize is that people aren't just paying for, let's say, the one hour that you're on stage.

I'll give you an example and kind of a parallel to this. At the time of this recording, tomorrow, my wife has to have a surgery, and she will be having surgery for a couple hours. I just talked to the hospital. It is very expensive. Now, thankfully, that's what we have insurance for and that is going to basically take care of it all. But it is really, really expensive, and the reality is just like if you look at that on paper, you're like, "Why in the world would we pay tens of thousands of dollars for a couple-hour procedure? That just seems ludicrous."

But the truth is you're not paying tens of thousands of dollars or whatever it is for a couple hours surgery. You're paying for the years and years and years that that doctor went to medical school, all the training that they went through, all of the 25 years of surgeries that they have done prior that has led up to this moment that has made sure that tomorrow whenever he operates on my wife that he is going to be spot on and amazing at what it is that he does and for so much more than just that, right?

The same thing is true for a speaker. It feels crazy that anyone would get on stage and like, "I can't believe." I think about my very first gig. I hopped on stage, I spoke for an hour, they paid me \$1,000, and I was just – I talk about this in the book. I was like, "I just – I cannot believe they paid me \$1,000 to do something I loved or something I would totally do for free."

But the other thing I think that's important for speakers to realize at any level is that as a speaker, you're providing value. There's absolutely nothing wrong with you receiving value for what it is that you do. Oftentimes, that comes in the form of a check but there's other ways that you can receive value for your speaking and for your presentations. But realize like that there is nothing wrong with receiving value for the value that you're bringing as a speaker.

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FT: I gave an example recently to my audience about how I was approached to be on a panel, and the quote started at X, which was quite low for what I thought they could do. I thought there was more potential there. There was more money in the coffers, and there was. After a few emails, we ended up almost 10X-ing their initial offer. It was like you said. Obviously, the content is what they were looking for. But additionally, I reminded them that if you want to have

someone to come and talk about women and money, this is my wheelhouse, right? This is my jam.

I also threw in some additional bonus values, so things like sharing the event on my podcast to drive more ticket sales because it was a ticketed event, and having the founder of the company that was hosting the event on my podcast. There is definitely ways that you can sort of sweeten the pot to increase your fee. Have you ever done things like that?

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GB: Absolutely. You can certainly do that. It's certainly more than just, "Here's my fee for one talk. Take it or leave it." A way to think about this is kind of like if you go to – Our family loves Chick-fil-A, right? I love going to a good Chick-fil-A, and you think about like a value meal. You can buy the chicken sandwich by itself but you could also get fries or you could also get a drink and you can – All of a sudden, it's like you could get this. But for a little bit more, you could get this. But for a little bit more, you could egg this and this and this.

That's one thing that we talk about in the book is a way to create kind of a good, better, best, an ABC option for speaking. If you want just one talk, it's this. Or for a little bit more, you can get one talk and a podcast interview and a workshop type thing. Or for a little bit more, you could get this and this and this, plus a hundred books, plus I'll do an additional Q&A, plus I'll do an additional training. You can add those different components there to all of a sudden to where it went from maybe a smaller amount to a much bigger amount because you're adding some additional value.

Now, I want to go back to something you touched on earlier about this event where you mentioned that they reached out to you about speaking on the topic of women and money, right? Now, if this was something where this was one of a dozen different topics that you talked about, then it decreases the value, because they're all kind of watered down.

One thing that we say all the time is that you want to be positioned as the steakhouse, not the buffet. What we mean by that is if you're looking for a good steak, you're not going to go to a buffet where steak is 1 of 100 things that they offer and they're all mediocre. You go to a

steakhouse where they do one thing and they do that one thing really, really well. Because it's a steakhouse, it also increases the value and increases the price of what they can charge.

The exact same thing happened in what you just described, where the event planner comes to you and says, "Hey! We're looking for someone who can talk about women and money." Instead of you saying, "Well, that's one of a dozen things I could speak about," you said, "No. Actually, that's the one thing that I do," which increases the value and increases the value that you bring to the table and thus what you can charge. Instead of them and instead of your being able to say, "Well, yeah. Money is one of 10 things I talk about," "No, no. I do this one thing, and I am one of the best at that."

In the same way that I mentioned tomorrow my wife has a surgery, we could – I don't know if this is possible. I wouldn't want to risk this, but you could hypothetically save a few dollars by going to a doctor who like, "Yeah, they're a doctor and, yes, they went to medical school, but they've never – They don't have a ton of experience with surgeries but, yeah, we could probably figure it out." I don't want to go to that doctor. I want to go to that doctor that like, "Day in and day out, I do this one surgery and I'm the best at it. I'm really, really good at it." Right?

The same thing is true for a speaker, because you, Farnoosh, have positioned yourself as I am the go-to authority on women and money. It actually makes it easier for you to be able to find than book gigs, because you are the go-to person on that. Because of that, you can actually charge more, not less.

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FT: How do you know what to charge? I often say it's helpful to go on the speaking event's website if they do have already a website to see who has spoken there in the past and who might be affiliated with the event, sponsors, brands, because you're trying to get a sense of their budget and then maybe what part of that budget could go to you. But what's your formula for figuring out what? Do you wait for them to give you a budget first and go from there, or what's your strategy?

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GB: Yeah. There's a bunch of different variables and factors. The big overarching thing is that speaking fees is much more of an art than a science, right? There's no exact formula that, yup, you do this and [inaudible 00:13:57]. Plus, minus this and you can have your fee every time. It doesn't always work like that. But let me give you some big picture thoughts here about how you can kind of factor and big picture factors here.

One is going to be the market. You can charge more in some industries versus others. You can charge more spring to corporations versus nonprofits. You can charge more spring to colleges versus elementary schools. It's not that one is better or worse than the other, but they each are going to have different levels of budgets. Now, that also does not mean that you should say, "Okay, which one can I charge the most, and I'm going to go after that one?" Don't do that. That's a horrible, horrible approach to business.

The second factor is going to be your experience. If you're a brand new speaker just getting started, you typically won't be able to charge as much as someone who's been doing this for a long time, and it's probably just a better speaker than you are. Another variable and factor is going to be your marketing materials. We talked about your website, your demo video. Whether we like it or not, people judge books by their cover.

So if your website, your video, if they suck, people assume that you suck as a speaker. It may not be fair. It may not be right. It may not be accurate. But that's the perceived value that people are going to look at when they look at your website and video. You have to make sure that if – Let's say you're charging \$5,000 or 10,000 or \$20,000 as a speaker, you need to make sure that your website and video are on par with other speakers that are at that level.

Now, as a shortcut on all of this, we put together a speaker fee calculator. It's a free speaker fee calculator people can find over at myspeakerfee.com, myspeakerfee.com. It's totally free. You answer seven or eight questions, and it tells you what you should be charging as a speaker. Now, again, a big caveat here. Use it as like a litmus test there. Use it, again, kind of a good starting point versus as the end-all be-all.

Now, let me go back to one of the things you kind of touched on earlier as determining how much you should charge and whether or not you should add different things. There's going to be different variables that go into other ways that you can increase the value that you are receiving and increase the value that you are providing. One of the things I mentioned earlier is that when you go speak, you're providing value and you need to receive value.

Now, the value that you are receiving is ideally in the form of a check. But let's quickly talk through a couple different ways that you can receive value beyond just whether or not you got a check. If you go speak at some type of industry event where there's other corporations or event planners or people that may have the ability to book you for other events, that may be worth something to you. So you may be willing to decrease your financial speaking fee because you're going to increase the value there. You may be able to sell some type of book or product or service or coaching or consulting. There are some events that I've gone to that I know if I do a great job, I'm going to pick up a lot of coaching clients that may be worth significantly more than what any event could pay me in the first place.

Other things that factor in, maybe the location. Maybe it's just a cool location that you want to visit, and it's kind of a vacation type thing. There's a buddy of mine recently who spoke at something in Europe, and the event had a lower budget. But they said, "Tell you what. We're going to pay for your wife to fly over. We're going to give you several extra nights in the hotel." So he was able to – He got a lower speaking fee than he would've liked but he got a European vacation out of it, right? All that to say, there's a variety different ways that you can get value from the event that go way beyond just how much the dollar amount was on the check.

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FT: I always say to new authors, at least in my case, speaking is a great way to introduce your book to large audiences, and often authors get booked for speaking gigs. But if the pay is not great or zero, then see if you can get them to purchase a book for everyone in the audience. That's a great way to increase your book sales. You're getting paid indirectly, but it's something.

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GB: Absolutely, yeah. Then the point being that I would say this. That speakers who are saying, "Well, speaking for free is a bad thing," or, "Speaking for free doesn't count," or, "Speaking for free is like I'm not a real speaker if I didn't get paid," there's a lot of reasons that make sense to speak for free. The point being though is if you're going to speak for free, know why you're doing it. Remember that you're running a business, you're an entrepreneur, as if you're providing value, then you have to receive value in exchange for that.

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FT: Some of our listeners are not entrepreneurs. Although I would say a lot of us want to be entrepreneurs one day. For those of us who are in corporate working but consider ourselves industry leaders, thought leaders within our industries, what is – Is there any different advice for them as opposed to entrepreneurs? Or is it pretty much the same?

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GB: No. I think it'd be very much the same. I think one thing that's important to think through is for most people listening who are in some type of corporate role, you want to be as valuable as possible for your company and not just for your specific company but for your own personal brand and for the industry that you're in.

Speaking is still one of those things to this day where there's a lot of perceived credibility and authority and recognition and prestige. So if you're frequently invited to speak or you're frequently seen on stage speaking, there's a certain amount of just, again, recognition and value that goes along with that that you can also bring to the company. If you're able to go speak on a regular basis and bring value to the company, typically that's going to translate to value that the company can provide to you in the form of your compensation. Look for other ways that you can, again, use speaking to increase the value that you're providing ad increase your own personal brand in the marketplace.

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FT: How do you get to the point where you're getting booked 50 times a year? I was just at a conference recently. I gave a keynote and then hung out at the conference as sometimes that happens. I walked into a Q&A session with – I think his name is Johnny Cupcakes. He's an entrepreneur. You know who I'm taking about?

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GB: I know the name, yeah.

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FT: Yeah. He's super – I didn't know who he was, but clearly I live under a rock. He is very famous. He creates these incredible shirts, but his entrepreneurial story is really what he gets booked to talk about. He told us and the audience that he makes over seven figures a year speaking. I'm thinking, "Okay." I'm trying to do some math in my head. I'm like, "How many speaking events? How much is he getting paid for this event? Did I get underpaid to speak at this event?" I've known Johnny Cupcakes, but tell us a little bit about any insights you have from the world of people who like speak constantly and get the big bucks. Who are these people outside of, of course, celebrities?

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GB: Yeah. On the celebrity or even like BCD list celebrities, at that point, part of what they're paying for is not necessarily the content that they're bringing to the table but are they able to sell tickets and put butts in seats. For example, if an event pays Johnny Cupcakes \$50,000 to come speak, that seems like an insane amount of money. But if him being on the marquee, so to speak, means that they're going to sell \$100,000 more worth of tickets, it's a no-brainer for the organizational or for the event. There are – The bigger the name is, typically the more that person can charge.

I heard someone describe this like if the person that was pitching you to their boss about bringing you to speak, the longer they have to describe you, the more your fee drops. Meaning that like if the person went to their boss and said, "We want to have Oprah come to our event,"

you don't need any further explanation, right? You say one word and like I got it. Versus if they said, "I saw this speaker online that gave a cool TEDx talk, and they have a book, and I think they would be a good speaker and watch the video. I'm going to send you the link." The longer they have to sell it, then the more your fee dropped. Okay. That's just an interesting concept or idea there.

There are absolutely speakers who make high six figures or seven figures as a speaker. Now, the challenge and the limitation with being a speaker is that it is a high-paying manual labor job and that we get paid really, really well to stand on stage and talk, but the nature of it is that you do have to typically get on a plane. You have to leave your family. You have to go somewhere when you're speaking to that one audience and that one place and that one time. You cannot be doing anything for anybody else in the world at that moment. There's just limitations. There's pros and cons there.

I'll refer back again to the surgery my wife has tomorrow. The surgeon is going to make a lot of money, but they have to show up at the hospital. They have to be there. They can't sleep in. They can't take the day off, right? The same thing is true for speakers. You have to actually be there. So you just – Again, this comes back to you have to recognize what kind of business you want to be and how much speaking you want to be doing, whether you want to do five gigs a year or a hundred gigs.

Again, it's not that one is better or worse than the other. You just have to ultimately decide what makes sense for you. I think one of my favorite things about speaking is that it does give you that type of flexibility, because there are speakers that I know that want to do 50, 60, 75 gigs a year. Others just say, "I don't want to do that much. I'd rather do much, much fewer." I talked to a female speaker the other day who said, "I don't want to do gigs on the weekend and I typically don't do gigs on Monday, because it requires me to travel on Sunday, and I don't want to be gone for my kids."

You get to create the ground rules of like this is what – If I'm going to do gigs, this is how I'm going to do them. Now, there's obviously trade-offs with that. But, again, you get to decide what makes the most sense for you and what it is that you're trying to accomplish.

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FT: One bit of advice I think that's helpful for novice speakers, people who've never perhaps spoken on big stage before is to take advantage of the universities and colleges and schools in their towns and cities, right? I mean, here in New York City, so many colleges and universities. I don't know if you have experience with that or can give us some advice on how to navigate the university systems, because I feel like there's a lot of opportunity there to speak maybe not for much money back to definitely get some practice.

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GB: Yeah. I've done a lot of speaking in the college market. There are absolutely a lot of opportunities and there's a lot of opportunities that pay as well. Now, again, I'd go back to selecting a problem to solve, because if you just said, "I just want to speak to college students." Well, if you go to a major state school, there are some of those schools that have 20, 30, 40,000 students, and there's no one event where all 20, 30, 40,000 students gather and you speak to. But within any college or university is a lot of subsets and a lot of groups and opportunities that may exist.

Take, for example, for you, I've spoken to a couple different schools on the topic of personal finance, so it may be the financial aid office or – I'm just trying to think of the other. I'm trying to think of like what are the offices that –

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FT: Finance departments, professors who teach finance, right?

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GB: Yup. It could be something like that or some type of, again, like subset within the college that would hire speakers to come in or just work with students on just their personal finances in general. It may be – I'm just thinking of a couple of things that I've done where they may hire me

to come speak to you just a small fraction, maybe a couple hundred students within the whole campus. But that is just one example of hundreds of other little events that may exist.

It's more than just saying like, "I want to speak to college students." There's a lot of opportunities that exist to speak to college students, but what is the problem that you solve for college students and then is that something that – Who on that college campus would hire a speaker like that?

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FT: Yeah. I was just watching on HBO this series called Crashing. It's about how to become a comedienne through the life experience of a comedienne. One of the things that he did was perform at the National Association for Campus Activities, NACA. Typically, that draws like entertainers, comedians to the stage, but I do wonder if it's also worth looking them up and saying like, "Hey! Could they help to connect you with schools as someone who wants to help students with a particular problem?"

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GB: Yeah, it's possible. NACA is one. The other one, big one is a APCA, A-P-C-A, the Association of – Or American Professional Campus Activity, something, something, so APCA.

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FT: Just google it.

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GB: Yeah. But basically, both of them are options of basically smaller, regional conferences that get together. The schools and colleges come too, and they are there looking at what's called a showcase, where a showcase may be 5 to 10 different speakers or acts. A-C-T-S, acts that a school may be considering hiring.

Now, the challenge with this is as a speaker who – Let's say you're coming to teach students about credit card debt. You are up against schools that are considering bringing in comedians or bands or illusionists or musicians or any number of other things.

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FT: Mentalists. That's the new thing.

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GB: Yeah. That are competing for the attention of the school and the student. Kind of lumped into more of an entertainer category. So depending on the nature of what it is that you talk about, that may or may not be a fit. But I always recommend that you can absolutely start outreaching two schools, and you can even start browsing through a school's websites.

Let's take the personal-finance track, for example. You could go to any school's website. You could pull up NYU's site and kind of browse around to figure out what's their personal finance department on campus that you could potentially look into. Browsing through this —

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FT: Business fraternities, business sororities. There are all sorts of ways you could go about it, yeah.

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GB: Yup, absolutely. Now, one thing that as a caveat with all of this is just because you're passionate about a topic – This is for anybody. Just because you're passionate about a topic, just because you care about a topic, just because you think other people should care about it, it doesn't necessarily mean that they hire speakers to talk about it. I'll give you a quick example specifically on the personal finance.

When I got started speaking, I did a lot of speaking with high schools and a lot with colleges. I did. I was really passionate about personal finance. My wife and I had just gotten out of debt, and I was like, "Students need to know about this. If high school students, college students know this, this changes the game for them, right? This is why you've dedicated your life to teaching this stuff."

I was having a really difficult time getting schools to hire me to come in and talk about personal finance, and yet every school would tell you that like, "Yeah. Teaching students about personal finance is important." I was just having a hard time getting them to actually pay me and hire me to come talk about this. But what I found was they were interested in hiring me to come in and teach their students about helping – Especially high school students about making a smooth transition from high school into college and the real world.

I started getting hired several times to talk about that transition. Within that transition to help a student make a smooth transition from high school into college and the real world, one of the key things that they need to know about is personal finance. I was able to take the same topic but put it in kind of different wrapping paper. Now, it wasn't like this bait and switch where you hired me to talk about X but I'm going to come in and talk about Y and I don't care about what you tired me to talk about. No, it's still talking about the thing that I was passionate about, but I had to put it in a different context that was that thing that they were actually hiring speakers to talk about.

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FT: Very good way to parlay that, Grant, and that's why we come to you for all the help, and you're helping so many people. It's so nice that you created this very accessible book for us. It's called *The Successful Speaker*. You are fresh off the release of that. I hope that that hits all the bestseller list, and I'm sure will keep you busier for months to come.

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GB: We hope so. As you well know, it's a lot of work and then you put it in the world and you do your –

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FT: Then the work is only beginning, right?

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GB: If you do your part and see what happens from there.

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FT: Well, congratulations. It's called *The Successful Speaker* out everywhere. Grant, thanks again for joining us and hope to have you back maybe sooner than four years from now.

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GB: Let's do it. Thanks, Farnoosh. Appreciate you.

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