

The Tim Ferriss Show Transcripts

Episode 126: 25 Great Things I've Learned from Podcast Guests

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Hello, ladies and germs. This is Tim Ferris, and welcome to The Tim Ferris Show: Holiday Edition. I am on a small island in an undisclosed location, chilling with my little pup Molly who has been extremely aggressive in pursuing coconuts and cats. I'm travelling with a set of rings, mini-parallettes, and a jump rope; that's pretty much all you need to keep in shape. And pro tip, if you're going to travel with rings, travel with wooden rings instead of plastic, that way you don't need to bring as much, if any, chalk.

But this episode, unlike the longer form interviews – which I do for one to three hours at a time with folks ranging from Arnold Schwarzenegger to chess prodigy Josh Waitzkin and everyone in between – this is an in-between-isode. It's a small little morsel intended to give you a taste of whatever's on my mind. In this case, we are going to talk about what I've learned in 2015 from podcast guests., and I went through the whole roster because I've been trying to do more reflection and less ingestion.

All I mean by that is, I use reading books, consuming information as procrastination, and I've decided that I should spend more – at least half of my time – reflecting upon and digesting what I've already read, what I've already listened to; and that's what I did with my podcast to date this year. I went through the entire list of all the guests and tried to identify the nuggets that I've implemented in my own life that are of great value. So, hopefully, you'll be able to use some of these.

And if you haven't heard these episodes, I highly recommend that you go back and listen to one or two because we get caught up in neomania very easily. That's an expression I picked up from N. N. Taleb, writer of *The Black Swan*, and that is an obsession with the new. If it's not a new podcast, if it came out a week ago, a month ago, a year ago, it no longer has value.

And, of course, that's bullshit. The longer these episodes are able to sustain themselves, the longer they survive in the slipstream of digital information that's assaulting us all, the more value they do have. And many of these episodes I'm going to mention still get more than 100,000 downloads per month without any trouble – and, in some cases, per week. So these are doing very, very well, and they are remaining relevant.

But before we get to the lessons, a quick request. Two of my episodes from this year – podcast episodes – have been nominated by Product Hunt as Podcast Episode of the Year. And I would really love your help, if you enjoyed these, to vote for them. This is a voting procedure. So, if you could go to FourHourWorkWeek – all spelled out –

FourHourWorkWeek.com/foxx – or fox – that will forward to Jamie Foxx’s episode which was just incredible and blew me away as well as many other folks. So if you enjoyed that episode, please vote for it.

And you can vote for both, by the way. It’s among many others that are competing. So, FourHourWorkWeek.com – all spelled out – forward slash fox will take you there. It takes five seconds to click the up carrot – the up arrow – and then you’re done.

The other episode is Naval Ravikant, and the name of that episode was *The Person I Call Most for Startup Advice* which was a very illuminating episode. And his name and Jamie’s will pop up in my list of lessons. But to upvote that, just go to FourHourWorkWeek.com/naval. And you can listen to both of these episodes on the Product Hunt page also. So, FourHourWorkWeek.com/naval. Please, if you’re enjoying these podcasts, they take a lot of time and energy to put together, so go to one or both of those and upvote them if you enjoyed them. FourHourWeek.com/fox and FourHourWorkWeek.com/naval.

Okay, here we go. This is a list, and some of these are just quotes, little tiny tidbits, tips, but you can certainly dig into all of these episodes for more. And every episode can be found at FourHourWorkWeek.com/podcast. Enough URLs. Here we go.

Matt Mullenweg is thought of as the developer – or lead developer – of WordPress; an incredible entrepreneur who runs a startup now worth more than a billion dollars, automatic. He gave me some great advice that has greatly assisted my writing, and that is listening to one music track, a single track, on repeat. And that effectively serves as an external mantra along the lines of transcendental meditation that allows you to focus on other things; in this case, writing. He uses it for coding, and, in terms of tracks, I have used music ranging from Pendulum to Gramatik. Usually, I use electronica. Matt uses, in some cases, jazz, hip-hop, or electronica.

Next, we have Dominic D’Agostino, a scientist and researcher based in Florida who does a lot of work with ketones among other things. I picked up from him, breakfast of canned sardines and oysters. And that sounds disgusting, and it’s actually delicious, I look forward to this every morning. And, specifically, I buy Wild Planet. I’m looking over my shoulder at two boxes of 12 sardines each that I brought on vacation with me, and you can buy these on Amazon. So it’s Wild Planet Wild Sardines packed in olive oil.

And since I’m traveling with my pooch and she doesn’t like dry Kibble very much, what I’ll do is, I’ll eat the sardines and then I’ll pour out some of the sardine-soaked olive oil on top of her Kibble and then she eats it like a crackhead, which is great; so, helps everybody. So, breakfast of sardines, then using synthetic ketones for aerobic performance among other things.

The KetoCaNa which, I believe, was developed by Patrick Arnold – which will hopefully be an upcoming podcast – that is fantastic, also, for use in fasting – that’s another thing I learned from Dominic. To make the transition from carb-dependent to ketone-fueled, this

can be very, very helpful. Just a couple of tablespoons of these synthetic ketones to make that jump without turning into a total whiny bitch is great – and getting yourself in trouble by emailing people and creating messes, which I’ve done before while fasting.

And last is the Keto ice cream recommendation from Dom. And, of course, I’ve learned a lot more from all these people than just these things. But the Keto ice cream, this is a fat bomb. It’s about 100 grams of fat, and for those who don’t want to do the math, it’s about 900 calories, and it’s delicious.

Okay, so Keto Ice Cream is one to two cups of sour cream or coconut cream. I used Strauss Creamery Sour Cream which is incredible. It’s actually not sour, it kind of tastes like ice cream anyway. Then one tablespoon of dark chocolate baking cocoa. Some salt, just like a two or three finger pinch of salt. A little bit of stevia; Dom buys it in bulk. Cinnamon, and then one tablespoon of coconut oil drizzled in, so you would just heat that up and then drizzle that over. And sometimes he’ll put 1/3 to 1/2 cup wild blueberries. And then heavy cream on top of that is whipped cream, effectively.

So that is the recipe, a lot of you have asked me for it. It appears in the original audio around 12 minutes and 22 seconds, but I’m sure it’s later in the finished product.

Okay, next up, Jocko Willink, the most decorated special operations commander across all the special ops divisions in the Iraq conflict. Jocko Willink, quote: “Discipline is freedom.” This is a guy who wakes up between 4:00 and 4:30 every morning and one of his tweets – I think it’s just @jockowillink on Twitter – one of his more recent tweets was, “Looking for your soul? It’s at the bottom of the squat rack.” And it’s a picture of his squat rack with sweat all over the floor at about 4:45 in the morning.

So, discipline is freedom. I interpret this to mean, among other things, that you can use positive constraints like, say, workouts with other people at the beginning and the end of your days – bookmarks – to allow you more effectively to use that as scaffolding or fore scheduling other things in your life. So, positive constraints. How could you use positive constraints to create discipline which then gives you freedom where it counts most – say, in your creative activities?

Next, Dr. Dan Engle. So, I interviewed Martin Polanco and Dan Engle on ibogaine, micro-dosing, and uses of ayahuasca and other psychedelics in addictive populations and in many other places.

So, what I picked up and experimented with after that conversation was two-fold. No. 1) Flotation tanks and specifically doing two-hour sessions at least twice per week. And there does seem to be some type of phase shift or binary change when you get to two hours. I can’t explain it, I don’t know why, maybe it’s psychosomatic. But two hours is worth more than two one-hour sessions, in other words.

There’s some type of change that you undergo – cognitively, emotionally, psychologically – that I can’t explain that seems to be very significant. And after doing,

say, two floats – Monday, Friday – for two weeks, I feel like I normally would after, say, a month of meditating daily. So, seems to have a tremendous impact on just mental stability and zen-like calmness that is nonetheless effective. So go figure.

Second is something I won't elaborate on too much here because I can't get into it, but, hypothetically, I might have a friend who may have experimented with micro-dosing non-psychedelic quantities of ibogaine hydrochloride; specifically, about 1/400th of a full psychedelic ride which I'm not interested in. The heroic dose equivalent of ibogaine is too terrifying even for me and unnecessary, I think, at this point in time. Micro-dosing once every four days or so for anxiolytic, that's anxiety reducing effects. More to report there, hopefully, soon. The jury's still out.

Next, Wim Hoff, the Iceman, the Crazy Dutchman himself. Breath works. So we're doing some of his strong inhale, sort of moderate exhale breathing techniques for a few minutes every morning. Say, 30 breaths – and you can listen to the podcast for some detail on this – has effectively replaced the need for caffeine in the morning, so that's been spectacular.

And then, he has reinvigorated my interest in extended ice baths; typically five to 15 minutes for me. What I'll do is, I'll get about 20 pounds of ice, put it into a bathtub – and I do these typically in the evening – and I will read a book for about five to ten minutes. Obviously, I'm not a doctor, I don't play one on the Internet. So if you start feeling extremely uncomfortable, get the fuck out of the tub. Don't go into hypothermia or something stupid like that.

But I'll do five to 10 minutes with the ice and water up to just below the nipples, and I will read, and then I will slink down for the last three to five minutes, and – important here – I will leave my hands out of the water and head out of the water. So it's basically immersing my torso and folding my legs to fit, and I'll do that for the last three to five minutes; and sometimes go back and forth, hot/cold, hot/cold, like contrast therapy as the East Germans were very famous for using back in the day.

Cautionary note on Wim Hoff. A very close friend of mine almost died last week. He had a shallow water blackout because he was practicing cycles of the Wim Hoff breathing and then doing breath holds while swimming underwater. Do not ever practice this technique in water.

He had a shallow water blackout, remained blacked out, unconscious, underwater for an additional two to three minutes, was yanked out by a lifeguard, remained unconscious then for an additional 20 minutes, and had to undergo hospitalization for three days and a barrage of tests for a long time – meaning about a week – until he just got cleared. Could have died extremely easily. So, do not practice this type of breath work in combination with water immersion, it is asking for trouble.

Next, Robert Rodriguez, famed director and film-maker. Really, his description of journaling got me to take my own journaling to the next level where many of you know I use the five-minute journal in the morning and then as a check-in at night. But also, I'm

doing more morning pages. And if you want to see what a journal entry of mine looks like, you can just search “what my morning journal looks like”, or “morning journal” and “ferriss”, and it should pop right up on Google.

And there’s also a quote from Robert Rodriguez, and I believe he got this from Francis Ford Coppola, and that is, “Failure is not durable.” And, I think, also from Francis Ford Coppola in the video series from Robert Rodriguez where he interviews these famous directors like Francis Ford Coppola, Tarantino, etc. – it’s called *The Director’s Chair*, it’s spectacular – one of the other quotes, I believe, from the Francis Ford Coppola episode was, “The things that will get you fired when you’re starting out are the things they give lifetime achievement awards for later.” And I thought that was fantastic to keep in mind as you experiment and get chastised in your life.

Next, Tara Brach. Famous meditation teacher, Buddhist, Dharma Talk giver – her talks are fantastic. And the lesson that I’ve learned among others from her is: Invite Mara to Tea. And this just means it has to do with recognizing anger and other types of what we might call negative emotions, and rather than trying to suppress them, effectively saying, “I see you.” And if you’re meditating, for instance, you might just repeat, if you’re angry, “anger, anger,” so you acknowledge that, and then that allows you to go back to whatever the focus in the meditation is. In my case, it’s a mantra, like transcendental meditation which we’ll get to in a second.

And if you’re looking for a book to read to contend with emotions like anger, for instance, among others, check out *Radical Acceptance*. I don’t like the title very much, but it makes a lot of sense once you get into it. I read this book for just five to ten minutes each night in the tub – see how these tie together? – and it had a huge impact on me. So Tara Brach. *Radical Acceptance* is the book.

Next is Rick Rubin, legendary music producer, and Chase Jarvis, world famous photographer. Both of them introduced me to transcendental meditation – or finally got me to bite the bullet. There are things I dislike about how TM is taught, generally, such as the price you have to pay: \$1,000.00 to \$1500.00 to be given a mantra and then have a week or so of once-daily lessons; which are very pragmatic and tactical, and the teacher, in this case, holds you accountable, which was very important to me. And I remember I bitched and moaned about price. I bitched and moaned about the sort of guru worship that is involved for five minutes one of the first days that I disliked. But they both effectively said, “What do you have to lose?” and “You can afford it. You obviously need it,” – for reasons I could get into another time. And they convinced me to do that and it had a huge impact.

Now, this was actually, probably, preceding this year, but since the Rick Rubin episode came out in 2015, I wanted to reiterate and thank, again, both of these gentlemen for introducing me to transcendental meditation. TM.org.

If you want to know about other forms of meditation, Vipassana and otherwise, I encourage you to listen to my Sam Harris podcast Episode #1. He also gets into it in his second episode.

Next. Laird Hamilton, the best big wave surfer of all time, according to most folks out there; and then, his wife Gabriel Reece who is a spectacular athlete and human being in her own right. So Laird introduced me to the chaga mushroom – which is an incredible super-food of sorts – as well as the book *Natural Born Heroes*. And he was, of course, one of my surf teachers for the Tim Ferris Experiment which you can find on [iTunes.com/timferriss](https://www.itunes.com/timferriss) if you want to see that entire season of television that I did with the folks behind Anthony Bordain's shows. That was a lot of fun.

And then from Gabby, the principle of going first. Don't wait for other people to smile at you. Don't wait for other people to say hello. Practice going first, being proactive in improving other peoples' states. In those tiny, daily interactions that – guess what? – are the big things. The little things are the big things, cumulatively. So that concept of going first is something that I really appreciated from Gabby and have implemented in my own life.

Next from Stanley McChrystal – four star, I believe – four star general; and also from Wim Hoff, skipping breakfast. I've been experimenting with skipping breakfast and, in some cases, skipping breakfast is not entirely skipping food 100 percent in the morning, but perhaps having what I might nickname Titanium Tea. You can google that to find more on it, but it's Pu-erh tea, plus ginger and turmeric, plus some coconut oil. And the coconut oil gives you about 60 to 70 percent by weight medium chain triglycerides which are converted to ketones very easily, and it just keeps you less grumpy in the morning until you get to, say, lunch.

All right, next. Bryan Johnson, founder of Braintree, an incredible entrepreneur, sold it for \$800 million – cash, I believe – to eBay, and is just a philosopher king of sorts. The question that he posed to me when he's thinking of resolutions, goals, is what could you do that would be remembered in two to 400 years – meaning 200 to 400 years. And when you're thinking of your own resolutions for the next year, or in general, I think this is a good question to pose, even if you feel that it's impossible as a thought exercise. What could you do that would be remembered in 200 to 400 years?

Next, Rhonda Patrick, scientist, PhD. She and I have spoken about many things including using heat treatment to trigger heat shock proteins and increases in growth hormone, etc. So, we've talked a lot about cold, but how might I use a sauna or steam room to improve athletic performance, endurance, etc.? There's a blog post that she wrote on my blog for that. So if you search "Rhonda Patrick", just go to [FourHourBlog.com](https://www.fourhourblog.com), all spelled out, and search for "Rhonda Patrick" and "sauna", and it'll pop right up.

Next, Sammy Kamkar, the computer hacker who was banned from touching computers by the FBI for two years or so. A good buddy of mine. We spoke about all sorts of hacking, how he takes toys from, say, Mattel and rejigs them to be able to open locked

cars. All sorts of fun stuff, how he created software for his drone that would effectively pirate other drones so he could create swarms that he can control.

But we also talked about hacking dating, and Tinder, and, at the very simplest level, how to determine what your best profile photos are. You can use a feature on OkCupid called My Best Face that can figure that out in a span of hours or, at the very most, days. And we talked at length about that, also, in the Dating – I guess it was just The Dating Game Episode of the Tim Ferris Experiment.

If you want to see me, also, do some work with Neil Strauss of *The Game* and embarrass myself horribly, horribly, doing cold approaches at the Ferry Building in San Francisco where I look like a total ass, then I encourage you to check out The Dating Game episode of the Tim Ferris Experiment on iTunes. It will make you laugh and make me cry.

Next, Derek Sivers, the founder of CD Baby, one of my favorite humans. There are many things I've learned from Derek. Viewing your decisions or opportunities that come to you or that you find in terms of "hell yeah" or "no" – meaning, anything that isn't "hell yeah" is a "no". If you're like, "That could be kind of cool. Oh, yeah, that might be cool," that's a "no". It has to be a "hell yeah" or "fuck yes", an enthusiastic "yes" to make it through your filters and get a commitment.

Next is, if you say you're busy, that means you're out of control. So if you find yourself responding to "How are you?" with "Busy, man. Yeah, I'm busy," that means your life is out of control. It means you don't have systems in place. It means you're making sloppy decisions. That is a fantastic sanity check.

All right, next, we have – my dog keeps on flinching when I say, "Next". Sorry, Molly.

All right. Alex Blumberg. Alex Blumberg has been killing it. Gimlet Media has been killing it with the Mystery Show, with Startup Podcast, Reply All. They've been just slaying it and doing extremely, extremely well with the podcast game on iTunes and elsewhere. And I did two episodes with Alex on how to create a blockbuster podcast, and I wanted to focus on a couple of questions that he is very good at asking.

How do you elicit what he would call authentic moments of emotion? He's worked with Ira Glass on This American Life, Planet Money, etc. Authentic moments of emotion; so, feelings humor, etc. But how do you pull those out? How do you make them memorable? Well, you have to look first for a sequence of actions that culminate in something. So let's make that concrete, and the wording is super important here. And I'm going to be doing a bunch of blogposts on my podcast methods, what I've learned, etc. about every facet of podcast creation, production, promotion.

But the wording is critical in the questions that you ask. So, for instance: Tell me about a time when, dot, dot, dot. And you'll notice these are intended to produce stories, not just short abstract answers. So tell me about a time when, dot, dot, dot. Tell me about the day or moment or time when...okay?

Next. This is perhaps my favorite. Tell me the story of... Tell me the story of how you met so-and-so. Tell me the story of how you ended up majoring in whatever, whatever.

Next. Describe the conversation when... And then you'll notice I did this, for instance, in a number of podcasts with people who are, say, discussing leaving a job to start a company, and they have to have that conversation with their spouse. Describe the conversation when you first mentioned to your wife or husband that you wanted to drop this lucrative career in X and start your own company. That will get you a good story.

Next. What were the steps that got you to – blank? All right? What were the steps that got you to – blank? Those are a couple of good examples, and if you want to skip specifically to this type of tactical stuff, you can listen to the Part Two with Alex Blumberg that you can find at FourHourWorkWeek.com/podcast.

All right. Next up is Marc Goodman. Marc Goodman used to be a futurist for the FBI. Simple recommendation: put some electrical tape or something like that on the inside of hotel room peepholes. It is remarkably easy for someone to attach a camera that will record what is happening inside your hotel room. This happened to a female TV broadcaster at one point. She was recorded changing her clothing, getting naked, because a fan/stalker/weirdo, who happened to be tech savvy, slapped one of these cameras on to the front of her hotel room. So, easy way to fix that, put some tape on it.

And I would recommend doing that on your laptop as well after Sammy Kamkar indicated how easy it was for him to hijack my computer. And I'm sure many of you do embarrassing things in front of your computer – or potentially embarrassing things – so get a cover for your camera on the laptop as well while you are at it.

Next up, Tony Robbins. Tony Robbins has been an influence for a very long time, but I've only come to know him, personally, in the last year or two. And I'm paraphrasing here, but I did go to my first live event ever, which was *Unleash the Power Within*, and the most valuable exercise for me was something called the Dickens Process; and I'll back into that in just a second. But the lesson is, you can't just look at the rewards of action when you're evaluating what to do, you have to look at the costs of inaction. And the Dickens Process – which you can google and, I'm sure, find information on – refers to Scrooge and *The Night Before Christmas*.

So, he is visited by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future. In the Dickens Process, you're taken through a procedure whereby you look at limiting behaviors – say, you're top two or three limiting or handicapping beliefs and behaviors – let's just focus on beliefs – and what those have cost you in the past, and what those have cost people you've loved in the past; what those are costing you and people you care about in the present; and then, what it will cost you and people you care about, say, a year from now, three years from now, five, ten years from now, etc.

And it is a very powerful approach for modifying behavior. So you can't just look at the rewards of action, you have to look at the costs of inaction or persisting with limiting beliefs and behaviors.

Next. Neil Strauss, my buddy, seven-time – probably-eight time New York Times bestselling author now. Also, a fantastic interviewer. He's done interviews for the New York Times, Rolling Stone, and so on. And he advised in my podcast with him – we talked about a lot, and we covered interviewing – he said, you should open up and be vulnerable to the person you're going to be interviewing before you start the interview.

So, whenever possible, if I'm doing an in-person interview – or phone interview, for that matter – I'll take five to ten minutes to kind of banter, get them warmed up, and to also volunteer some type of sensitive or vulnerable information about myself so that they are inclined to do the same later. And it works incredibly well. So, Neil, thank you for that.

Next. Kelly Starret, the Supple Leopard, one of the most famous PTs and athletic trainers in the country. Kelly Starret introduced me to – I believe it was Kelly – who introduced me to the ChiliPad. And Rick Rubin uses one of these as well. So ChiliPad allows you, even if you are a couple and in bed – and let's just describe a common problem.

All right. So, women are like floor heaters for some reason. If a man and a woman, sleeping in a bed under the same set of sheets, the woman's going to run at 700 degrees. The guys going to get sweaty and hot, and he's going to kick one leg over on top of the sheets, then get cold, then put the leg underneath, and it's a huge pain in the ass for everybody. Or he's going to yank the covers off, make the woman upset. It's just too highly individualized.

The ChiliPad allows you to put this extremely thin – almost imperceptibly thin – sheet underneath your side of the bed, and it circulates water through with this bedside contraption at a very precise temperature. So it could be 51 degrees; maybe that's your magic sleeping temperature; 55 degrees. If you're cold, you can increase the temperature of that ChiliPad underneath you instead of throwing on a really thick blanket that's going to make your partner sweat to death.

So, the ChiliPad, it's not inexpensive, but you can find it on their site or on Amazon. One of my friends told me about three months ago, of all of the advice that he has ever received from my books and podcasts, this had the biggest impact on his quality of life. So Kelly, thank you, the ChiliPad.

Next. Jon Favreau, incredible director, thinker, actor, writer. Here's the quote: "In terms of comedy, don't aim for funny, aim for truth." And I think that when you parody very serious subjects, if you aim for truth – the sort of kernel of honesty that everyone is thinking and hasn't said; or that everyone has seen, but not described – don't aim for funny, aim for truth.

Okay, next up, Naval Ravikant. I mentioned this episode was nominated for Best Podcast of the Year by Product Hunt, so please upvote it, [FourHourWorkWeek.com/naval](https://www.fourhourworkweek.com/naval). He recommended a book called *Sapiens* which has just been on fire in Silicon Valley. Many, many people recommending this. So, *Sapiens*. I have read the first, I would say, 15 percent, and, as promised, more highlights in this book, probably, than I've put down in any other non-fiction book in recent memory. It is a spectacular synopsis of many complex and potentially complicated subjects, but it's made easy to read. And it is about how the homo-sapiens effectively took over the world. And there's a lot more to it than that, but check it out.

All right. Next, we have Jamie Foxx. Let's talk about Jamie Foxx, the most consummate entertainer I've ever met in my life. I've got a quote and then a recommendation. So the first is the quote: "What is on the other side of fear? Nothing." So, looking at whatever you're afraid of and asking, "What is on the other side of this fear if I push through it?" And the answer is, generally, nothing. There's no negative consequence. There is no persistence. And to come back to the Francis Ford Coppola and Robert Rodriguez point, failure is not durable. All right? So, what is on the other side of fear? Nothing. And that is something he's taught his kids and instilled in them.

And then, next is pull-ups, the pull-up bar, at the very least, being the basis for maintaining a ripped physique with a minimal effective dose with very little effort. That is something that he does every morning. You can listen to his entire workout routine by listening to the full podcast. And, hate to plug it again, but I'm gonna do it one more time, guys. This is nominated, this episode, the Jamie Foxx episode as Best Podcast of the Year, and I really implore you to listen to it if you haven't. He is just a complete rock star, knocks it out of the park. Upvote that. Take five seconds, [FourHourWorkWeek.com/foxx](https://www.fourhourworkweek.com/foxx), and upvote it.

And for pull-ups, if you want something to try that's a little tricky and that you could use – this is courtesy of a trainer named Max Shank, an incredible trainer – Ice Cream Makers. Look up a move called the Ice Cream Maker, and try that on a pull-up bar. It is a great move to help with progressions toward a front lever.

Okay. And then we have, as the grand finale, B. J. Novak. And B. J. Novak, I think, in December, this is particularly relevant as you're doing a retrospective looking at the last 12 months, coming up on the holidays, Christmas, etc., and New Year's, of course. More important, I think, than setting resolutions for the year ahead –although that's very important – is doing a retrospective, a post-game analysis on the last year. What did you do right? What did you do wrong? What could have made it better? Etc. Really doing that type of assessment.

And B. J. mentioned, at one point, looking back at his career, how he could've stalled in a number of places, and he ended up, of course, becoming very well known for *The Office* and many other things. But if you find yourself saying to yourself, "But I'm making so much money" about a job or project or something that you're working on, that is a warning sign that you should pay attention to. "But I'm making so much money" or "but

I'm making good money". If you find yourself saying that but-dot-dot-dot money justification, that is a warning sign that you're probably not in the right place, or at least that you shouldn't stay where you are if that is coming to mind.

Because, of course, time itself is the most valuable, non-renewable resource. And money can always be made back. Money can always be made later. You can have a balloon payment to yourself with successes later, but, so far, we haven't figured out how to do that with time.

So those are some of the lessons that I have learned from guests in 2015. There are many, many, many, many more. In fact, I'm hiring someone to put together highly enhanced, condensed synopses of all of my podcast episodes, so hopefully those will be available some point in the near future, but it could take a few months.

And I just want to take this opportunity to express my sincerest gratitude and thanks to all of you for listening to the podcast. It is really – it's been a blast for me to do.

And it's not just been a blast for me to do because I get to interview all these incredible people. It's been a blast, first and foremost, because I get so much feedback. I get questions from you that make me better. You point things out that I didn't even notice in the process of interviewing these people. And I appreciate you helping me to get better. I appreciate you listening to the work that I'm working very hard to put out. It takes a lot of time and a lot of energy.

I'm happy to do it because it has been a labor of love and, honestly, it's the only creative project, thus far, where I've had 100 percent creative control. And I must tell you, it is fucking worth it, because I've had a good experience with my publishers, I've had a very tough experience with TV, but at the end of the day, I can't do anything that I want with my books, for instance, because I do not own all of the rights. And with the podcast, I can do whatever the fuck I want.

So if you have any crazy ass ideas for what I should do with the podcast, anything I could do to stir the pot, any crazy pranks or experiments that I should do, please let me know on Twitter, @tferriss or on Facebook, Facebook.com/timferriss. And, as always, and I do mean this guys, thank you so much for listening, and Happy Holidays.