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Hello and welcome to Success Left A Clue, the podcast. To my new listeners, welcome. To my listeners who have listened and tuned in before, welcome back. This is your host, Robert Raymond Riopel and I want to welcome you to episode #102 of the podcast. Momentum, we've started it again. We are going to continue building on it again and again.

And I want to really welcome you to this episode, which is all about a question for success. And the other part of that is this question I guess, is the grass really greener on the other side? It's an age old adage that you've heard.

The grass isn't always greener on the other side of the fence. Depending where in the world you live. Maybe you've never heard that adage. In North America very common, had been around for decades as I said. The other couple of days, it got me to thinking and I was out and about and I'm just enjoying life and getting kind of refreshed after the event. And this is where my mind seems to kind of generate, when I'm truly present, is all of a sudden when things just started to pop in my mind, pop in my mind, pop in my mind.

If something hits me that I think I wanna record for one of my podcasts, I just stop what I'm doing, grab my phone, write it down. And so, here I am and I'm just relaxed. I'm looking at the beauty around me. It is a hot muggy day. I'm baking in the sun. I happened to be in Singapore at the time. I'm coming up with these ideas like my last podcast that I just recorded. Depending on when you're listening to it. Episode 101 if you haven't listened to it. Go ahead and listen to it yet. Alright, listen to it.

I was talking about dream globally but look locally. And all of a sudden, I started thinking about what that means. There is another side to this whole concept. And it truly is a question of what success is. When we dream there's so many things we want and this is my experience, remember everything I teach you don't truly believe that it's real for everyone. I can only come from my own experience and that is what I'm coming from.

But what I've noticed is people they have this habit and just so ingrained in them to start comparing themselves to other people. I've done a podcast in the past regarding this subject where their success is kind of contingent on, comparison to another person's success. And so they sit there and they go, wow, look what they've achieved by comparison. I'm nowhere near that and then a lot of people beat themselves up. Very few actually take that and use it as a motivation to get better. They want to be the best in their arena or whatever it is.

And there's another kind of piece to this whole puzzle, which is, the thing of, is the grass always greener? You think you want something but then is it truly what's going to change your life or save your life or whatever it is? So let me give you an example of what I'm talking about. Here we are. I just recently over last year my wife and I purchased kind of our dream acreage, something that we've been dreaming about for years and years and years and years.

We have been dreaming about this. We've been looking. We got the pictures out, everything like that. And all of a sudden, after looking at dozens and dozens of different acreages over the years, everything from large acreages where it's got a lot of farm stuff, a lot of animals have been there, corrals, fences to more executive acreages where it's just grass and greenery maybe a few trees, a nicer house maybe, an out building like a shop. What are the different things that I truly want?

And so this has allowed us to look and get some real good perspective on the idea of what it is we truly want. So we end up buying one of our dream acreages. On all of list of things we really wanted, we only missed a couple little items. We then went in and we started renovating. We eventually moved in and I'll tell you. I just love the space. I love the space.

And I'm enjoying it, especially when I go to countries that are much higher populated than where I live, let's put it in perspective, Canada we have like right around 36 million people in the whole country. Second largest country by land mass in the world and we have 36 million people. And then I can go to a city in India where that's a population of one city. That's the whole population. So it's all perspective until.

And so we moved to this acreage and when we're looking at the acreages around us, stunning properties. A couple of them have horses and they have these nice shops on them. And so we are looking at it, our house beautiful house. Three car garage. Long driveway. Three plus acres of just grass. Huge garden. I love it.

But where does my mind go? Shop. Look at all the shops around us, the outbuildings; the people are using them, they've got sweets on top; some of them just have toys in it. Some of them house equipment. But I am looking at all these beautiful shops and my mind is going, oh that would be awesome.

So my wife and I started talking and we started thinking about we wanna shop. We want this. We want that. It's like okay and we started making plans. Well when will do? It will be couple of years. Well, before we do, one of the things we negotiated with in the house is a lawn mower that's a zero radius. And that zero radius, it cuts the lawn and it only takes couple of hours to do the lawn and we're talking almost four acres a lawn. So long time to cut. Imagine doing it by hand, pushing the mower.

Then all of a sudden, wondering leads to another. We look and we say, well, hey, that zero radius all it does is it cuts a lot. Look at our neighbor. He's got a compact tractor that's got a loader on the front. It has a roller tiller for a big garden on the back. It's got the underdeck lawn mower. I think that would be good. And so, that's going to be better because my wife asked me. Roxanne says, "Well, what is our lawn mower doing? I said just mows on. She goes so why don't we have one of those? I'm like good question.

So we started touring around the different dealership. We started looking online to see what's for sale. We started doing our homework. And we think we find the one that we truly want. Taking attachment off, putting attachment on, very easy. It takes you 30 seconds. It's got everything that you can get. Accessorize. Accessorize. Accessorize. Oh my goodness. This thing is looking green for grass.

And then, we meet one of our neighbors and we're talking to him. He's very friendly. He says, look, if there's any equipment you need, just ask me more. I said, wow, we're doing some construction. We're making a pad. Can I borrow your compact tractor? We talked to him about how we're thinking of getting one like this and trading our zero radius and he stops. He looks at us and he says, "Before you do, come borrow my tractor. Use it for a little bit. Then make your decision."

And we've already picked up the tractor we want. They've told us what they'll trade us our lawn mower in for, everything like that. We're like oh sure. And so we take him up on his offer. And I'll tell you twenty minutes into using this thing, all of a sudden it was very clear that this thing is nowhere near, it sure can do few more things but, the turning on it, the speed on it on mowing a lawn, it would double our time for mowing the lawn. And because it doesn't turn as tight, it makes it hard to get in around our trees, which even adds more time.

And so, sure it has a few features that we want but it is worth trading? Because we thought it was something better. And all of a sudden, there's like wow. Thank goodness. We had an amazing neighbor that said try it out first before you buy it. And this comes to your life ladies and gentlemen. You think someone has a greater life than you. You think the grass is greener on the other side. But is it really?

Well, look at their life. Robert he travels around the world and he impact lives. Yes. But do you know what the journey was to get here? If it's something you're truly passionate about, then take the time and learn that. If it's something you're truly passionate about, anything you're truly passionate take the time and really investigate it to see if it's something that you truly want.

Because I'll tell you what. I have a great life that very few people have. Sure. But I've had my ups and downs getting here. And the journey is not for everyone. The journey takes a lot of energy. It takes a lot. Is it worth it where I'm at? Absolutely. It consists of my life. But hindsight being 20/20. Had I known everything that it would take? Would I have thought that the life was worth it?

Well, in this case, yes, I would have because I get to do what I love to do. But look at everything else. Oh that person they're doing great in investments. I'm just gonna start investing, not until you learn about them. Learn what it properly takes to become that master. Don't just go and dabble. Dabbling will give you dabbling results plain and simple.

I'm hoping this makes sense and I don't want to dissuade you from going for your dreams. But ladies and gentlemen, don't always believe that the grass is greener on the other side. Do the due diligence. Don't overthink it. But check it out. Try it on. If there's something that you really want to have or do, find someone who has one or is doing what you want to do. And try it out. Go and test out. See if that's what you really truly want.

That will tell you. Look, I even go back when I was a child. I was going to be an officer in the navy. I've been in sea cadets for 5 years by that point. I had set that I was going to be an officer in the navy. And I had the opportunity to spend three months on board a Canadian Armed Forces ship. And actually do it to our duty with them through the Canadian organization. And thank goodness, I still, today, thank God that I was able to that. Because the moment I experienced what it was to be in the navy, it instantly made my decision

very easy. No, this is not what I want to do. This is not what I thought it was. And it wasn't that I was afraid of the hard work in that but what I noticed is that the people on the ships, their relationships paid the price.

Because it was a different kind, it was all about work and party. He had to go party. And very few of them had sustainable relationships marriage wise and I think that's not what I wanted. So I decided that I wasn't going to the navy. I changed my mind. I turned down the option to go to the offshores Naval University and go on a different path. So check things out. Try it on. Find a way to test it out. See it's what you truly want. Coz our mind is convincing us that no matter what anybody says, this is what I want. But until you try it yourself, that's when you truly can tell if the grass is greener on the other side.

I hope that makes sense. I hope you learned something. As always I love doing these podcasts and I wanna remind you again, always live with passion. Check out the other podcast episodes and also check out my book *Success Left A Clue*. You can get it on Amazon.com as an eBook. Amazon.ca, it's an eBook. Or if you can in US, you can still order it online and have a manual copy or an actual hard copy shipped to you. You guys are amazing. This is Robert Raymond Riopel for episode 102 and I look forward to having you on the next episode. Have a great day!

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