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Bet on the Want

It is universal. Even if it takes 18 months.





When people want a thing. They want it [period]

Discipline is born from want.

It is the fighting of the want.

And, it is an uphill battle, all the way.

When it comes to want, reason and morality are compromised and abandoned.

Want beats politics.

There is a boycott of Chick-fil-A because of politics and principles. True or fabricated.

"Boycott Chick-fil-A!"

But those same people are found in line at Chick-fil-As all over the country.

Because, they want Chick-fil-A.



Want beats principle.

People talked boycott of new Walmart stores during their great expansion across the United States in the late 1980's and early 1990's.

Want beats principle.

"Walmart kills local businesses!"

"Walmart doesn't buy American!"

"Walmart is in league with China."

People insisted that everyone shop local.

Local friend's businesses and personal relationships were on the line.

Want beats principle.

What happened?

Those same people showed up and filled the aisles to shop the new Walmart stores.

"It's cheaper!"

"It's convenient."

They buy at Walmart because they want to buy at Walmart.

"I'll never...!"

"You should never...!"

Want beats principle.

Want beats principle.
Want beats logic.
Want beats analysis.
Want beats price.
Want beats important.
Want beats right and wrong.

The only thing want doesn't beat is bigger want.



Want even beats big things. Like 9/11, COVID, and inflation or interest rates.

I believe in an 18-month rule for the biggest of the big.

Really 18-24 months, but usually 18.

9/11

After 9/11, President Bush called on the American people to spend and invest, but people were afraid. For two Christmases they pulled way back financially.

18 months later, we wanted our Christmas back. 18 months later, we had a huge Christmas.

COVID 19

After COVID struck.
People wore masks.

Then, 18 months later, no masks.

People were tired of being denied freedom of the face.

Post COVID: House Sales. Inflation. Interest Rates.

After rising interest rates, people not buying homes, and reduced spending due to inflation...

- 18 months later,
- 1) spending is up
- 2) "Momma wants a new house"

...and no one (especially Momma), wants to hear about how low interest rates were a year (or more) ago.

18-24 months after each really big incident, a shift occurs:

Christmas spending is up.

Masks are off.

Retail is up.

People begin to buy houses again.



After a time, people tire of denying themselves.

After a time, people don't care about the money or the hardship.

People simply want what they want.



Despite boycotts:

Walmart is one of the world's largest retailers.

Chick-fil-A had a \$19 billion dollar year in 2023.

We want what we want:

When Momma wants a house, Momma wants a house.

And, we all want Christmas.

Pay less attention to what people preach and more on what people want.

Bet on the want. Sooner or later, want wins.

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Psychology always works.

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