

The Ten Commandments of Time Dollars

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1. Start small! The community currency economy will ultimately consist of many small, personal networks linking together.
2. Build cooperation with a variety of groups of people and organizations who have specific skills. Everyone's talents and expertise can be shared within the Time Dollar network.
3. Timing is what makes Time Dollar networks happen. Don't try to force it; just keep adding members, and adding services that members want to give and want to receive.
4. Be clear about how far along you are. Know your goals and stick to them! Be honest.
5. Don't compromise your mission because of money or others who try to distract you from your course. But, be willing to be flexible if it makes sense.
6. Grassroots community organizing is key to the success of the project.
7. Think solutions, not problems! You'll get there sooner if you avoid getting bogged down in solving small problems that will work themselves out as you go.
8. Involve the "real" leaders in the neighborhoods! Find the traditional and respected people that others turn to for advise or direction.
9. Be realistic! Miscommunication and unrealistic goals can cause a loss of trust.
10. Don't rely on miracles! Fundraising and organizing are ongoing tasks. Remember that your commitment is to a just social economy/

The Time Dollar strategy is not a surface thing, it is much more profound than that! It touches and moves people at a spiritual level, leaving people feeling important and loved.