

Interview Assessment #2

Name of Professional: Joshua Meek

Profession/Title: Chief Executive Officer

Business/Company Name: Meek Industries

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My second interview was conducted with Joshua Meek, the Chief Executive Officer of Meek Industries. Through the course of our meeting, I aimed to absorb as much knowledge as possible on Mr. Meek's struggles and suggestions for the topic of entrepreneurship. At this point in life, I feel very confident that entrepreneurship is the optimal path for me. Thus, I must learn as much as I can about the topic in order to be well prepared for my later life.

From the interview, I learned more about an entrepreneur's daily life. Since entrepreneurship is technically one being their own boss, they would have the ability to make their own work hours. In order to have the ability to alter my own schedule, I must put in full effort starting from the beginning. I have to be on top of my game and truly make the correct decisions that will result in the best outcomes. This is very exciting to me as I do not believe I could be working under someone for the rest of my life. I do not like to have limits and want to maximize my potential in every chance given to me.

Not only did I gain knowledge about an entrepreneur's daily life, but I also learned about the importance of never quitting and documenting everything. When I start a business, I must not give up as soon as something goes wrong. I have to look around the problem and see how to fix it in the best possible way. If I give up, I will not have given the business a chance for success and thus will not be a successful entrepreneur. Similarly, from the start to the end, I must document everything. If there is ever a problem with what occurred and when, I will be able to find the answer as long as I have everything on record. Through ISM, I am improving on this skill as I must keep track of who I contact, what was said, and when/if I met with the individual.

A common theme many entrepreneurs are underscoring is to find the right business partner. Since so many people have given me this advice, I must view it with very high importance. I understand that my partner will have an impact on the business at every instance so I must make sure he/she is fit for the task. Through doing so, I will direct the business towards the most prosperous future.

Something I learned that was unexpected was the importance of reading books. Mr. Meek stressed the benefits books can offer as they give examples of my topic and tips on what to do. Mr. Meek suggested that I read a book for at least thirty minutes every single day. Through this, I will gain vast information and will have many people's experiences to compile into the ultimate guidebook for success. In the future, I shall continue pondering the web for books to read that can give me the most knowledge about entrepreneurship. In all, my interview with Joshua Meek enhanced my understanding of entrepreneurship and helped me get set up for the future.