

## Vee Carson's Story

Written by Angela Newman

---

Vee Carson of GIGP Management says, *"Your attitude plays a big part in career climbing."*

She goes on to say that the way one feels about them selves is a key contributor in one's success of career climbing. Having a great attitude regardless of whether you are talking to customers, competitors, networking with groups and organizations or simply talking to people at the airport or store, can open doors for career or business opportunities. You may also just end up meeting a friend for life. *"You have to be flexible and keep your eyes and ears open for opportunity"*, she said.

As with many successful women, Vee followed in her mother's footsteps and attended college after high school. In addition, she may have had a little influence along the way with her grandfather being a professor at Yale University. She initially thought of going into the medical field but changed her focus to teaching and began working as a teacher's aide for \$8 per hour which, at the time, wasn't bad for a young woman. After working in that field for awhile, she realized it would not support her long term and needed to re-evaluate her career choice for the future.

While working as a shoeshine girl years before, Vee said, *"A customer predicted what I'd be doing today. He told me I should be in business development because of my bubbly personality. Little did I know he was right; I was just too young and inexperienced at the time to even know what business development really was."*

Today, Vee works in business development for GIGP Management and let's her customers know up front that she is working from home so if they happen to hear kids in the background or a dog barking they won't be concerned about it. She is also cognizant there are times when conversations with clients must not include the kids and dog barking so she takes the necessary measures to ensure peace and quiet, many times with the support of her husband caring for the kids.

When in need of support Vee says; *“I have to say my husband was very supportive and I had a good friend who is now in London who I would call upon for advice or encouragement when things got me down. But, when there was no where to turn except myself, I would read encouraging books, or listen to audio information online to get a different look on things and help me keep going.”*

Sometimes there may not be people in your life to call upon for advice and encouragement when you need it and that’s when you have to have a pep talk with yourself or find other avenues of guidance and wisdom. *“There are times when no one is around and you have to just surround yourself with positive thoughts. I try to watch, read and listen to educational and success stories. I get excited about them and make it a part of my plans to be successful too!”*

As Vee has climbed her career ladder, it has become apparent to her that not all employers support your endeavors or believe in your abilities as you do yourself. However, listening to any constructive criticism helps us grow as individuals and in our business and its important to gain wisdom and insight from those who have *“been there, done that.”* To not learn from others mistakes and successes would be foolish. It’s important to keep moving forward to reach your goals and dreams but just remember to listen to others and then do what you think is best for yourself and your business.

*“I am so glad I didn't let people’s opinions or lack of interest in me get in the way of my dreams. I stopped allowing people to define me, who I am, or what I can do. I valued myself enough to move on to the next thing when the situation allowed itself.”* Vee practices what she preaches by meditating and focusing on positive thoughts and energy as she continues to strive toward her goals. She’s not sure where she’ll be in five years from now but she does know it will be somewhere wonderful.

~~~~~

Vee Carson can be reached at GIGP Management. ([www.gigpmanagement.com](http://www.gigpmanagement.com))

