

Changing Intentions

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George Hudson is an affluent thirty year-old .com success. He has made millions in the venture capital industry funding telecommunications and software companies that subsequently went public. Around the time of the high technology and stock market demise, he is living high on the hog with expensive cars, expensive women and several properties in Seattle, Washington.

When the bottom falls out of the market he loses everything because he is overextended. He put up all the stock he had in collateral against his assets. He is left with nothing. His friends desert him in his time of need. Even his fiancée leaves him, taking everything out of the house but the engagement ring. He becomes bitter and cynical about life and love.

One of his few remaining assets is a small duplex that he owns in Bellingham, on the outskirts of the city. He moves into the vacant top floor.

The tenants on the bottom floor are a couple of harmless environmentalists who live a very meager and passive lifestyle. They have a store that sells handicrafts and hand made items from people and families in third world countries. Travis and Emily sell these items in their store, but repatriate as much money as they can back to the poor families. George is essentially the "anti Christ" to them with his capitalistic ways.

Slowly, he makes a dedicated effort to renew his life and find out who he really is. Part of this renewal is accepting that he is not better than everyone else and to recognize people for who they are. He starts to spend time with one of Emily's friends, a lawyer named Kelly who takes cases to help the needy and wronged. He also begins to get attached to her 7-year-old daughter Nicole.

After learning about his neighbor's store, George attempts to make Travis and Emily's little one-shop business into a franchise model. With VC funding he predicts it could be huge. The more they sell the more people they could help around the world. They get caught up in it and believe his hype. They follow him and agree to the VC funding but slowly they begin to see that the VC's are all about making money for themselves. During this time, George's ex-fiancé gets wind he is "back in

the saddle" again. She comes and visits him in Bellingham to try and smooth things out. It dawns on him that by accepting her back into his life and taking advantage of his neighbors, he is sliding back into the life he left behind.

George realizes that to change the world you must change yourself. Only then can he make the world a better place, because when you are doing something for all the right reasons-- only then will you get true satisfaction.

He also realizes that he was wrong and pulls the plug on the business opportunity with the franchise. He unites with Travis, Emily, Kelly and Nicole.