

# Jill Semegran and Cindy Donnelly Kibbe Discuss Developing Grit with Fotis Georgiadis

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GREENWICH, CT, USA, October 22, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Fotis Georgiadis, owner of the blog by his namesake, is a branding and image consultant specialist with a robust background and is a visionary interviewer. With a knack for pulling out a well-rounded interview, not only covering cutting edge technologies and corporate directions but also bringing out the personal side of the interviewee.

Developing 'grit' is a key aspect of being successful. The hard work, long hours and 'never quit' attitude will pull you kicking and screaming towards success. Fotis Georgiadis interviews

two women on the subject and how they developed it throughout their life and how it impacted their careers. By solidifying their image and brand, Fotis Georgiadis has naturally expanded their circle of influence across the globe. He can do the same for you. Be sure to reach out at the below contact options as we #reopen the world.



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Based on your experience, can you share 5 pieces of advice about how one can develop Grit?  
(Please share a story or example for each)

Stay strong, even when you don't have strength. Early in my career, I had a very demanding boss who would require our team to work extremely long hours on a consistent basis. I clearly remember one night he gave me a major assignment at 5pm. I had very little strength left after

an exhausting day, but I mustered up the energy to give it my all and accomplish the task with very little sleep. As I became more confident in my career, I learned the importance of aligning work expectations and not always giving in to demanding requests. However, in that moment, I put forth my best effort, even when I thought it wasn't possible, in order to deliver with excellence, as expected.

Be confident. Remember, there is more power in how you say something than in what you actually say. Make eye contact, use gestures, and remember that silence can show confidence and poise.

Practice to be good at at least one thing. I'm a skilled public speaker, but I wasn't always. I have had many opportunities for facilitation throughout my career. I recall a client asking me, "how do you facilitate with such ease?" My

response..."practice, practice, practice". When I was a young consultant, I often wasn't sure if I was an actress practicing my lines, or a business professional. I would consistently rehearse pitches, and presentations. With time, I soon became a more natural and confident public speaker.

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Where did you get the drive to continue even though things were so hard? My faith in God was the saving grace.”

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Optimism is key. I can't think of a better example of how important it is to have an optimistic attitude than right now. Read [the last point and the complete interview here](#).

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Based on your experience, can you share 5 pieces of advice about how one can develop Grit? (Please share a story or example for each)

1. Trust the small, still voice in your heart.

That's God, intuition, Higher Power, Universe Juice—whatever you want to call it—that's "rightness" speaking to you. Trust it. For me, it's God. Deep in prayer and wondering why I had this fire in my soul to write when it seemed so very impossible, I became aware of the answer:

“Do you think I put you on this path only to fail?”

2. You know the people who are good in your life. Trust them.

Is there anyone honestly who doesn't know kale is better for you than a Big Mac? It's the same with the people in your life. Listen to the good influences in your life. For me, it's my husband and a select circle of close friends, many of whom share my faith. When I'm feeling lost, I reach out to them. To borrow from a famous book title, they are chicken soup for the soul.

3. Don't be afraid to fail or cut loose what isn't working.

This is the converse of Lesson #2. There are people in your life that leave you feeling drained and bad about yourself. Put some distance between you and them. If it's possible or truly destructive, cut them out of your life. I had a marketing person that seemed like a perfect fit for what I needed to promote TRINE RISING. She took thousands of dollars from me and gave me canned advice from videos she created years ago, none of which were applicable to launching a book. I terminated the contract for “services already rendered” and never looked back.

4. Do what you love; that's what you should be doing.

I love writing; I always have. When I write, I'm merely taking dictation for the movie in my head. Sometimes, the prose comes faster than I can type. Hours can go by, and I won't have even noticed. That's the kind of fire in the soul I'm talking about. Maybe for you it's writing, too, or a computer app or Abuelita's nacho cheese sauce. If the world slips away as you work on it, honor it. Your passion is your purpose.

5. Quit every day.

I wanted to quit working on TRINE RISING more times than I can count. Sometimes I sort of did, only to find myself back at it the next day. Catch [the last part of this point and the whole interview here](#).

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