TRAITS OF THE TOP 10%

WHAT SEPARATES THE 10% THAT MAKE MONEY TRADING FROM THE 90% THAT DON'T



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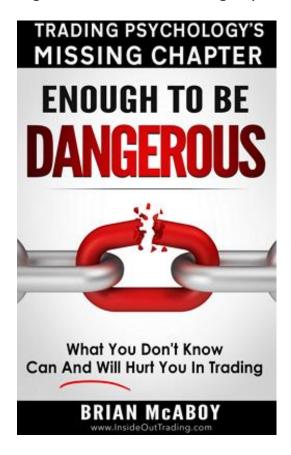
Over the years I've had many people ask me to sum up what I see as the greatest pitfall facing traders, and I've found that the biggest problem can be boiled down to just four words:

"Enough To Be Dangerous"

Many traders begin trading with real money long before they are truly prepared. Most have learned only enough to be dangerous and consequently pay a high price, so I wrote a report about what's missing so you can see what's been left out of the 'trading psychology' books.

I invite you to download a free copy of this great companion to Traits of the Top 10%,

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If you feel like you're struggling way too hard to get ahead in trading...

I wrote this report specifically for you!

The Top 10% in Trading have all the necessary tools to trade with, a proven system, charts, indicators and data, but it is in who they are as a trader and as a person that the real difference is found.

This report takes a look at the 10 Traits of The Top 10% in Trading, so that you can see what it is that makes them successful, over and above the methodologies that they employ.

I hope you enjoy this report and get much benefit from it.

Sincerely,

Brian McAboy Trader, Author, Developer.

Trait #10: Humility

So what exactly does that mean for the person that trades?

Humility is getting your ego out of the game.

Your ego can be your biggest enemy to making a profit in trading.

Many of the mistakes that lead to ruin and are the direct result of several emotions that come from a person's ego.

When a person is humble, they keep the respect for the markets and they recognize their own limitations and weaknesses without fear or feeling bad.

They can simply see the realities of the challenges before them and approach them all with the proper caution and care.

The ego wants to be fed and would prefer to deny that the markets can operate outside of your control, which they will.

The ego wants to deny any short-comings that you may have and be smarter than the markets, smarter than those who've come before, and able to control things that simply are within your control.

The ego also wants to deny mistakes.

When a losing trade is placed, your better judgment will say "time to get out", but your ego wants to stay in the trade to be right, to win.

The humble person will recognize that when the timing is wrong, to be patient. The ego is also fueled by greed and says "I want it now!!!"

Covering all the emotions that stem from the ego could turn this into a novel, but your time is valuable, so I'm keeping it short.

The primary point is to be humble in your trading and keep the respect for the markets and keep your awareness high to emotions that can cloud your thinking.

Remember why you chose to trade in the first place - to make money to bring more enjoyment to your life.

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Trait #9: Discipline

This is one area that relates very directly to the bottom line of the trader's account.

The successful trader keeps a high focus on being disciplined and sticking to the system.

What is discipline?

One of my favorite definitions is "remembering what you want".

If you keep it in the forefront of your mind that you want to make a profit in your trading, that and the end of the month you want to be money ahead, then this will help you to avoid getting caught up in the emotion of the moment.

You'll stay on the sidelines when the timing is wrong to enter a trade.

You'll place your stops like you should to protect yourself from substantial losses.

You'll move your stops up when the market is moving in the right direction.

You'll act when you're supposed to, and seize the opportunities that come your way.

You'll stay within your risk/ reward parameters and safeguard your capital.

When you keep your priorities in order by keeping your primary objective of profit at the end of the month, which is what you want, at the forefront of your mind, then it makes is a whole lot easier to do the things that you know you should.

It's no different than any other pursuit.

If you want to stay in shape, and you have your desired condition in mind when you're eating or working out, it makes it less of a burden and produces better results.

If you want to lower your golf score, it makes it easier to head on over to the driving range to practice.

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Trait #8: Vigilance

The trait of the Vigilance is one not usually heard in trading circles, but it definitely applies.

Vigilance.

So what does that mean? Vigilance is the non-stop guarding and protecting of the important things. In trading, there is nothing more important than the money.

The successful trader takes his/her money very seriously, so much so that it has taken on a new, more serious term: capital.

Now, capital to the winning trader is everything. It's not just the end-goal, it is the means and the source, both before during and after the trades.

The successful trader guards his capital very carefully because it is capital that allows you to trade both today, tomorrow, next month and next year.

If the capital is not protected at all times, then the entire effort for the year can be gone and future opportunities severely limited.

To sum up, vigilance in trading means holding the protection of your money, your capital as your *constant* highest priority.

Properly protecting your capital includes starting with enough to trade wisely and to stay in the game when the inevitable downturns and losing streaks occur.

It includes making sure that all trades are within good risk management guidelines, both with respect to the potential reward on individual trades and in proportion to the total equity in your account.

It also includes protecting your money when it comes to other places that your money can disappear. Taxes, un-necessary expenses like extravagant computers and software that are way beyond your means.

Warren Buffett lives by two rules: 1: Never lose money, and 2: Never violate rule #1.

He is incredibly vigilant about his money. It pays off, obviously.

Trait #7: Courage

Courage a truly special topic. One that many don't often ponder, but it is extremely worthwhile.

Now, don't jump to conclusions at the start. Read this one all the way through, because I can guarantee that you probably have not considered this one in a long while if ever.

Now you may be thinking that you have you have this one already addressed, but do you?

Do you have the courage to look in the mirror and see if you have any of the fears in this section, and admit to yourself that you need to beef up your courage, and take action to overcome your fears? Let's find out.

<u>Fear of success</u> is one that is very prevalent and one of the most denied fears.

One ironic aspect of the fear of success is the responsibility that comes with the success we so strongly desire. We say we want it, but it could be that we're afraid of it at the same time.

Say you're starting out with a \$10,000 account, and you've got dreams of hitting that home run that will net you \$100,000.

Wow, now you're looking at the prospect of having six digits at risk. Do you think that you may subconsciously have doubts about your competence to trade at that level? How about a million dollars at risk?

Could it be that you are sabotaging your own success simply because success would put you out of your comfort zone?

Another aspect of the fear of success is the subconscious fear of not being able to sustain that success. Our ego is questioning our ability to avoid messing up and losing that prized status of the champion and hero.

That's the other problem with windfall success that comes from home runs. The expectation is there to do it again, and we know that there's the element of chance that brought it about, but now our ego is sitting there saying that we'll look bad if we can't repeat.

Again, back to sabotaging. Without the expectation of greatness, there's no disappointment for the ego to suffer through.

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<u>Fear of monotony or drudgery (and discipline).</u> The kid in us wants to be able to have fun, excitement, challenge. We also want it NOW! There's a side of us that wants the instant gratification of the thrill. Patience and discipline just aren't that much FUN.

Silly as it sounds, there are some very smart and profitable strategies to trading, proven over decades, and that would fit the true emotional style of many traders, but often people don't follow them even when they have them in their hands.

The problem is that they aren't nearly as exciting as the way so many traders trade. As a matter of fact some are downright boring. They have the odds in your favor and they make money, but they're boring. Who wants to give up fun and excitement for WORK?

When you watch children play, you'll often hear (or make) the comment about how fearless the kids are in their pursuit of fun and excitement.

It's great for kids, until they wipe out, crash, fall out of the tree, etc. Problem is that with trading, that fearlessness, that lack of respect for the financial dangers can cause you substantial financial injury.

The pursuit of fun and excitement at the risk of capital is something that the Winning Trader gladly gives up.

When it comes to money, it is time to put away childish things.

The next fear that many people want to deny is the <u>fear of addiction</u>.

Almost all addictions are mental and emotional. Steve Tyler, the lead singer for Aerosmith had an addiction to heroin and he said that it wasn't the chemical that made it so addicting. It was the absolute euphoria that a person feels.

He said that it is so powerful, that even experiencing it just once can turn you into an addict, because you never, ever forget that feeling.

The thrill of hitting a home run in the markets can be very similar. Once you feel the rush and excitement of watching a big run can leave you with a hunger to feel that experience that is truly hard to fend off.

Gamblers experience this too. You know what I'm talking about. And it can turn into a very real addiction.

When you're struggling with something, particularly for a significant period of time, like more than a month, then there's probably something that your ego is getting out of it.

Here's an example to illustrate.

Take smokers. They all know that it's bad for them, socially unacceptable to many people, provides numerous health risks like lung and heart disease. It's expensive, detracts from their ability to stay as physically active and virile as they may like. But they continue to smoke. Why? What are they getting out of it?

An interesting aspect is that they have the right to, and nobody is going to tell them how to live their life. So the ego gets satisfied by the "I run my own life" feeling.

There's also the social aspect. Odd as it sounds, smokers are a group, and there's a sense of belonging there.

There's also the fear of being able to change. Many smokers are just plain afraid of failing when thinking about quitting. They're also afraid to admit that they just plain don't know what their life would be like without it.

When a person has no idea of what their daily life will be like when they get there, they get used to their current mode of operation and the comfort of familiarity and fear of the unknown over-ride the reasons to pursue change.

There's a certain comfort level in failure, and for too many people, that comes largely from familiarity.

Are you caught up in the comfort of your trading life, even though it's not what you want it to be?

Are you nervous at all about trading with (and having at risk) ten times the money that you are now?

This has been a long section, so I'll briefly run through some of the other types of courage that are needed for the very real fears that can be experienced in trading. These aren't as deep, but still worth looking at.

- Do you have the courage to stay on the sidelines when you should, and miss trading opportunities?
- Do you have the courage to do the right thing and get out of a trade that you know you should?
- Do you have the courage to seek help?
- Do you have the courage to stick to your strategy and avoid temptations to deviate?
- Do you have the courage to ask "stupid" questions?
- Do you have the courage to easily admit it when you're wrong or that you just plain made an error?
- Do you have the courage to trade for profit and give up trading for excitement?

There are ways to build the courage for any of the above questions.

What possible fears might you have that could be keeping you from living the life you want?

Right now, the important thing to do is to take that look in the mirror and face yourself and your fears. Getting out of denial is the first and most important step on the path to any pursuit.

The best thing about doing so, and I preach it to my kids regularly, is that when you face your fears and overcome them, it is a most wonderfully liberating experience.

Fears are a heavy burden to carry through life.

One of the best abilities a person can develop is to live their life with the courage to truly live it!

Trait #6: Realism

This ties directly into all of the others while it is an aspect in and of itself.

For everyone on the planet that lives now and has lived here, their 'world', their reality, is all based on their perceptions both past and present.

Those perceptions include all that they have experienced, paid attention to, picked up subconsciously, and the intuitions that they have had during their lives.

As a person goes through their day, they filter what they see and hear through these perceptions, then decide what conclusions to draw: good or bad, fun or a drag, interesting or boring, worthwhile or a waste of time, on and on.

The human mind is amazing in its ability to absorb huge amounts of information taken in through your senses, and at the same time be doing a huge number of things with that information.

Think about it. Your brain/mind at any given moment is handling all your body functions on auto-pilot, which by itself is a huge processor load. Then is also is monitoring all the nerves in your body, which number in the millions.

Not only does it take in all that data as a monitor, but it is responding to every bit of that data, then monitoring the reaction to the response.

Same thing with all your sensory input, sight, smell, hearing, touch, taste, in combination with thoughts generated from your conscious mind. In addition to that, it's also running comparisons with your entire memory bank, looking for related information and doing pattern recognition and analysis. It's forming opinions, conclusions, making predictions. All kinds of activity.

Pretty impressive processor in your computer.

This whole continuous event occurs for everyone. Winners and losers all do this, every moment of every day.

So what does all this have to do with distinguishing the successful trader, as a specific trait?

Realism.

That collective memory bank, the perceptions that you hold, the conscious and subconscious filters through which all your information is processed and upon which all your decisions are made.

The successful trader knows to keep his perceptions, desires, moods and reactions in very close alignment with the REAL world that exists beyond his/her inner reality.

For the new trader, their reality is based largely on their dreams and desires, and what they've been told through ads, mailers, books, etc.

They're motivated, but don't even have much real information to build a good, solid and realistic foundation on.

The novice trader has a higher level of exposure to the realities, but has other challenges to overcome. The biggest of which is un-doing much of the creation of what they thought trading was about.

The successful trader has had their misperceptions eradicated through the growth and learning process, which usually includes hard lessons.

The realities that they've learned that they didn't have prior to success include:

- Trading is a business activity, and should be treated as such. It's not a hobby or a sport.
- It is to be taken seriously, and with a mature and grown-up approach.
- There is a learning curve. It is not so simple to make money as it is to place a trade.
- It is a long-term process. Just like any business endeavor, each day comes one at a time, but trading is one to be hopefully a long term activity, so the daily activities must be conducted with tomorrow always in mind.
- The responsibility for your trading results rests solely upon the trader.
- All the decisions are yours, and the uncertainties are not beyond your ability to deal with. They are a part of the 'game', and those making money have learned to work within that aspect.

- You have control over yourself, and you don't have control over the markets.
- The successful trader is a human being, will make mistakes, has opportunities to improve, has intelligence and feelings.
- Trading takes discipline and emotional control, making use of one's intellect while keeping the emotions in check.
- While trading can be lucrative, it is not a simple "get rich quick" activity.
- Most trades aren't home runs. Plenty of singles, doubles and triples, though.

It is a considerable challenge to remain aware that we all live and act according to our perceptions, and to keep our perceptions in close alignment with the true reality.

The reason that successful traders are so, is because they've managed to do just that.

Be realistic about all of it.

The best thing about it is that if you can do it, then the reward is substantial and to be enjoyed for a very long time, possibly the rest of your life. That's exciting!!!

Take the time to give yourself a reality check. It is definitely profitable in many ways!!

Trait #5: Perseverance

This one is a favorite of mine and always has been because it really speaks about the character of a person and how they truly view themselves.

In "The Magic of Thinking Big", the first chapter was extremely well-chosen. The author speaks of belief and how everything that has ever been achieved first started with someone believing that it was possible.

All things small and great began with belief. The car you drive, the house you live in, the discovery of North America, putting men on the moon. The four-minute mile, the Empire State building, the victory in World War II.

Everything done every day, begins with the conscious or subconscious belief that it can happen.

The belief is the starting point. It's when that belief is pursued until it becomes a reality that makes the difference.

The underlying trait that brings all these things into reality is the same one that takes the ordinary person from a trading novice to a Winning Trader, and it goes beyond belief.

That trait is called Perseverance.

Trading winners are very rarely born. They are developed. This is key.

At the beginning of this trait, I said that I liked this one in particular because it speaks volumes about a person.

When a person first has the belief in himself enough to start trading, that says some.

But when they also have the perseverance to become successful, to pursue their dreams through all the challenges, failures, obstacles and difficulties to make their dreams a reality, to keep getting back up after every fall and keep going, then that says that they also have the other traits that we've looked at. They have the personal faith and fortitude to carry that belief all the way through to its realization.

It says that their belief in themselves was strong enough to carry them through.

	s that they've got something that is un-common, truly special in their cter, in who they are.
Put Pe	erseverance on your list of traits.
It is w	hat will fill your life with memories worth having.

Trait #4: Focus on Being

In the last section, when we looked at perseverance, I said that it spoke about the person's character and who they are.

The fact that you're reading this speaks well of you, because it says that you already have the trait we'll examine now. I congratulate you.

In today's modern and highly technical world, most of the information going around is about charts and indicators, systems and 'real-time' data and the latest mathematical accomplishments.

The one thing that is at the core of every person's trading, no matter what tools are utilized, is a human being.

The Top 10% Trader recognizes that being is the start of the entire process, who you are as a person, as a trader.

By focusing on yourself first, then concentrating on the rest, you are addressing the core of your trading business.

Every sports team looks first to its coach, the one directing everything.

Every company, is looking for and following the direction of its leader.

The results of your trading all begin and end with you, the captain of the ship, the President of the company.

It is you, the human being, making all the decisions.

To trade in the first place, what markets, what strategy, what tools, the resources (software, data, computer, charts, broker, etc), when to trade, how much capital you'll invest, the implementation of your strategy, the discipline, the knowledge you start with and what you'll acquire, who you'll listen to, when you'll act and when you'll be patient.

This Trait of the Top 10% Trader is that of developing and maintaining a very high quality state of being.

Being is more important than doing.

If you're fatigued or stressed, your judgment can be severely impaired.

If you are naive or ignorant, you're susceptible to numerous mistakes.

If you are anxious or scared, you won't be able to think as clearly as when you're relaxed.

If you are intelligent, but emotional in your trading, you'll see the losses in your account.

No matter what's going on in the markets, no matter which markets you trade, no matter how many books you've read, if you're not person you need to be and you're not at 100%, you won't get the results of someone who is.

Being is so essential to the quality of life, that many generations ago, it was identified as the beginning of everything in this cycle: be - do - have.

It all starts with being, not doing. Before you can have, you must do. What you do, and how well you do it both stem from *who* you are and *how* you are. Your being.

Again, I congratulate you on being here right now. It shows that you already have the awareness of this trait, and that you do want to achieve a level of excellence, both personally and financially.

By focusing on who you are, and HOW you are, with the intent of excellence in both areas, you give yourself the best odds of achieving long term success.

In order to be a winner in the trading world, you must become the person that you're capable of becoming.

The Top 10% Traders weren't always the successes they are now. They all started out just like you and I did: new to trading, naïve and ignorant of all the aspects of successful trading. But they persevered, and went through the process of change from newbie to veteran, and became a different person.

You can go it alone and take the long and difficult path, and struggle through everything while learning via the school of hard-knocks (which in trading is VERY expensive).

Or you can do what the truly successful people in all endeavors have done, and that is to shorten the curve and leverage the people and resources that are available.

Regardless of the markets you choose and the strategies and systems you employ, make sure that you always attend to your being, and the many facts of being a human being.

You have many aspects of your life and they all need attention and development (the order of priority is up to you):

- Physical
- Social
- Mental
- Emotional
- Spiritual
- Financial
- Family

Keep balance and health as your focus, so that when you are trading you'll have the best of yourself to put into it, and so that you can get the most out of it.

Trait #3: Remaining Detached

Many of the emotions that come into play that work against you as a trader are due to the emotional attachments that you've developed. This is true of both individual trades and trading as a whole.

It's quite understandable. Money is a very personal matter, because it's how you pay for the things in life that you need and want. You've also invested a great deal of your life in earning it in the first place.

You've had to sacrifice much of your life to earn it, getting out of bed every day earlier than you might like on many days (probably most), giving up other dreams, time with your family, etc. Again, money can be very personal.

Now you've also come to identify yourself as a trader. You've chosen to make this part of who you are and who you wish to be. There is a significant amount of pride in being a trader. You're a rogue, a risk-taker, someone that's willing to 'buck the system' of living the safe and secure life of just being an employee for 40 years.

It's also very easy to get attached to individual trades.

When you put in all the effort to find a good trade and then you come across one that looks like a real winner, one that has the potential for huge profit, then it's easy to get attached to the trade and feel that you have to hang on until it proves you right, that you picked a winner.

This type of attachment and identification is when you start feeling like the outcome of the trade will validate how you feel about yourself. When the trade wins out, it proves that you're a winner too. These situations are often catastrophic.

The Top 10% Trader understands that every trade is simply about probabilities and that in virtually all regards, one trade is no different than the next. They remain detached from their trades because a trade is a trade is a trade, and the markets will do as they will regardless of how smart you are, how much effort you put into finding and getting into a trade.

It's also very healthy to remember that you were who you are before you started trading. You already had an identity and while you trade, you still remain yourself outside of trading. The main point is that you are not your trading – you ARE separate from it, so remain that way so that your trading serves you and not the other way around.

The traders in the top 10% also know to intentionally and physically detach from their trading.

By this I mean that the top traders will take breaks from their trading.

They do this when they feel themselves getting caught up in the emotions.

They take breaks from their trading if they aren't feeling up to par.

They'll also take breaks, as in days off, just for the purpose of detaching.

This practice is very beneficial and often a necessary action, for a variety of reasons:

If you are feeling your emotions welling up, then it's time to take a break. Emotional trading is almost always bad trading, so when you feel it happening, step away until you've calmed down.

If you're not feeling well, take the day off. The markets won't write you up if you don't show up.

If you decide to take a few days, a week or even a month off, the markets will welcome you back as if you'd never left.

The Top 10% recognize that in trading, you can take breaks whenever you wish, so they fully take advantage of this and make sure that when they are trading, they are at the top of their game.

Trait #2: Trading As A Business

Any activity engaged on a regular basis for profit is a business whether the business owner acknowledges it or not. Trading is no different in this regard.

Now you've heard the statistic that 90% of all traders fail within the first six months. That's been around since trading has.

But 90% of ALL new businesses fail, regardless of the industry. So why is that? There are several reasons:

- Lack of a business plan
- No prior experience at starting a profitable business
- No prior experience running a profitable business
- Little or no training on how to start or run a profitable business
- Little or no experience at the core activity of the business
- Insufficient startup capital
- Lack of understanding, knowledge or skills for the different roles in the business
- Poor financial controls
- Taking too long to get the business consistently profitable

In other words, they didn't bother to treat their business like a real business, or they just didn't know how.

Most just saw an opportunity to make money and got busy.

This is the same reason that so many individual traders fail.

So why don't traders view trading as a business? Again there are several reasons.

• Ease of Entry.

With any other business, you'd have quite a bit of work to do before you get started because you have customers. You have to know how

to produce and provide them with the goods or services that you are selling. If you're in an industry that you've never worked before, you've got a lot of preparing to do. Even if you are entering an industry where you have experience, you still have a fair amount of work to do.

With trading, fund your account and you can start trading the same day.

The perceived "simplicity" of trading

With any other business, the actions required to make money are usually fairly involved.

On the surface, trading appears very simple and the act of placing trades is very easy.

• <u>Virtually no requirements.</u>

With most businesses, there is licensing involved, such as getting your business license, getting your tax ID and filing your corporation or partnership papers with the government, possibly zoning permits, etc.

In trading, all that is required is that you sign the risk acknowledgements when you open your account.

Now from a business perspective, traders have several advantages that can put the odds in their favor if they would just recognize them and take advantage of them.

No dependency on others.

In any other business, you are dependent on employees, suppliers, and customers.

In trading, it's just you and the markets.

No time pressure.

With a 'brick and mortar' business, you have substantial costs incurred prior to opening the doors, plus additional costs once you're underway while the business is getting established. You're under considerable pressure to get to the point of profitability quickly.

In trading, you can take as long as you like to get started.

• You can test everything in the 'real world' without risking a dollar.

With any other business, anything you want to try has to be tested to see how people will respond - and there are real costs associated with that. An idea may sound great on paper, but you have to spend money testing it in the real world to see if it actually will work.

In trading, you can test anything you want in the 'real world' without risking a penny. Via backtesting or testing in a demo account, you can see if your idea will work in the real world without risking a penny.

You have 100% and complete control of your business.

As noted above, with any other business, you are dependent on the actions of other people for the success of your business. Even with a business that includes only you, you still have customers so you have limited control over your business.

In trading, the markets are so huge that they don't care what you do. Again, it's just you and the markets, and you do have complete control over what you decide to do or not do. You have 100% control over your business.

 You can take breaks any time you want without it hurting your business.

In most any other business, if you decide to take six months off, your business will suffer or even completely shut down.

In trading, if you take a six month break, the markets will welcome you back as if you never left.

From a business perspective, these are HUGE advantages over any other business.

Because of these advantages, the odds for the individual trader should be considerably more favorable than in any other business and thus the failure rate much lower.

Top 10 traders recognize that trading is a business just like any other endeavor, and one that has unique advantages. They capitalize on these advantages by approaching their trading as a business, not just something to do to make money.

Trait #1: Being Smart Enough To Get Assistance

In any endeavor, be it business, sports, personal interest or anything else, the most successful people got help along the way. They weren't so proud that they felt that they had to do it all on their own. They all recognized the importance of learning from the experience of others.

This is particularly true in trading.

Now there is the temptation to do try and be a "white knight", because of the intellectual appeal of trading. Traders are smarter than average, and the notion of being able to just come up with a system that will give you that edge so you can pick more winners than losers is a notion that is very compelling to the intelligent person.

But this is where so many meet their downfall.

Millions of people have sought the "Holy Grail" in trading, only to leave trading empty handed.

Trading is a profession and like all high paying professions, it is those that chose to become professionals that wind up being the winners.

This is because in any competitive endeavor, any shortcuts to be found have already been discovered by the professionals, so they have them as their advantage.

Those that don't put in the effort to become the professional, those that simply look for a shortcut, are the ones that the pros love to compete against.

Now it is extremely difficult to develop yourself into a professional all by yourself. Why? Because the lessons that you learn will come through trial and error.

It just plain takes too long to go the 'trial and error' route.

Money can be lost too quickly in trading, and most don't have enough capital to start with to survive the learning curve when they follow this path.

The Top 10% Traders have learned that getting help is the fastest way to get to consistent profitability and truly capitalize on the opportunity that trading presents.

The top 10% in any endeavor get help and keep it even when they reach the professional level in their field.

Professional athletes still have coaches.

Business professionals have mentors and counsels.

Even the heroes in the movies have help along the way in arriving victorious over the villains at the end of the movie.

The fact that you're reading this shows that you already have this trait. You want to be in the 10% that make a nice living as a trader and you've taken the time to read through this.

More than likely you possess most of the traits in this report, and for that I congratulate you.

I wish you the best and if there is any way that I can assist you in your pursuit of becoming the successful trader that you desire to be, just let me know.

Feel free to contact me at brian@insideouttrading.com

Sincerely,



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P.S. Do you know of others that would enjoy and benefit from this report? Feel free to send them a copy!

P.P.S. What is YOUR biggest frustration with your trading right now?

Take a look on the following page for real world, NO B.S. solutions to several of the most common trader challenges.

Resources to Help You End Your Trading Frustrations

Brian McAboy is a retired Engineer with experience in many fields: Project Management, Process Engineering, Quality Assurance and Engineering, Business Consulting, Personal Development, Coaching, Human Resources, and of course Trading.

To help the individual traders of the world, Brian has created several resources for traders to help you deal with the challenges of trading.

The Subtle Trap of Trading

"I am personally recommending this course to all my clients."
- Bob Kozak, CTA and Currency Analyst, Alaron Trading Corp.

The Subtle Trap Of Trading

Why So Many Smart People Don't Make Money Trading And How To Get On The Right Track In Two Hours Or Less

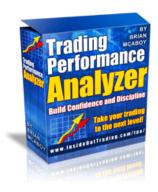
Brian McAboy

Author of The Seven Traits of Winning Traders

Featured on the Chicago Board of Trade, this book was originally written beginning traders, yet has been particularly popular with many second-wave traders, those that have been trading long enough to have hit that sobering account blowout or massive drawdown that wakes you up to the realities of life as an individual trader.

Covering the 39 mistakes that are commonly made by traders, this book goes into detail on what to do to avoid those mistakes, plus gives you the understanding of what went wrong in your beginning days as a trader that have you stuck where you are now.

The Trading Performance Analyzer

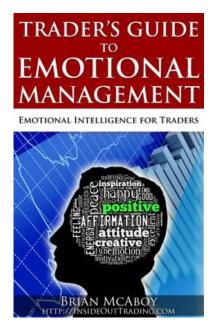


Many traders struggle with confidence and the discipline to stick to your system. The turning point in the careers of many is when they discover system analysis and begin utilizing the trading system metrics.

The Trading Performance Analyzer is like having X-ray glasses for your trading system. Ideal for building confidence in your current system, the TPA takes the guesswork and 'hoping' out of your trading. As your confidence in it grows, the discipline to stick to it becomes easier and easier.

The TPA is also a huge time saver for system optimization, analyzing and comparing different systems to see which is best, and for tracking your trading metrics.

The Trader's Guide to Emotional Management



Most of the regrettable trades are the result of emotions influencing your decision-making, particularly making the right decisions at the right times, and then acting decisively when the time is right.

The Trader's Guide to Emotional Management was written for those traders that have their system down pat, but still encounter situations where they find themselves making the same mistakes over and over again.

Covering a long list of specific mistakes commonly made, this guide gives you the actions to take to avoid repeating them, plus a solid understanding of what is causing them in the first place.

These resources are for individual traders and have been created in response to the various needs of traders around the world.

The focus of these is the personal, business and emotional aspects of trading, the most challenging part of trading.

For additional resources, visit

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