

# Imposter Syndrome

## Turn Fear Into Action

Building your personal brand, creating content to demonstrate you're a thought leader, and accepting an interview on a podcast or radio are some of the marketing activities we must regularly undertake as entrepreneurs to help build our personal brand equity. The challenge is that it feels incredibly vulnerable and raw. The fear that you'll say the wrong thing, come across as less than, or receive some type of ridicule can be enough to make you pull away from any outward presentation.

How do you push past the fear?

Reframe your mindset by separating your self-worth from any single interaction. The fear often stems from tying too much of your identity and value to that one interview, video, or post. Instead, view each instance as just one small step, not your entire reputation being permanently formed or judged. Have the confidence that even if you make a mistake, you can learn from it, address it head-on, and do better next time.

For longer-form content, like a webinar, preparation can also help quell anxiety - make sure you understand the context by researching the audience, practicing your talking points, and visualizing your success. Most importantly, focus on serving the audience rather than wrapped up in yourself. When you make your message about providing value to others, you'll be freed up to be more present and authentic.

Establishing your persona as a thought leader ...

Ultimately, putting out content helps you build credibility and establishes you as a thought leader. Achieving thought leader status carries significant benefits beyond just building your personal brand.

When viewed as an authority and go-to expert in your field, it immediately elevates your credibility and the perceived value you provide.

The more you do, the more opportunities for podcast interviews, speaking gigs, media features, and co-marketing partnerships will surface, further increasing your visibility. The end result is that it becomes easier to attract your ideal customers. You're no longer seen

as just another business owner but a distinguished expert.

Establishing your persona as a thought leader also allows you to shape the broader conversation in your industry. As a respected voice, you have the platform to introduce new ideas, challenge conventional thinking, and drive innovation. Your insights can inspire others and move your field in positive new directions. This influence is powerful - it allows you to leave a true legacy by evolving the landscape.

Moreover, thought leadership generates tremendous goodwill. When you freely share your knowledge and expertise, it cultivates a loyal following who appreciate your value. Fans become evangelists who actively promote your work through word-of-mouth. This voracity of support is something money can't buy. It's the difference between running a transaction-based business and building a remarkable brand that people feel connected to. Thought leadership forges emotional bonds with your audience that transcend mere business relationships. It's human-centric marketing at its finest.

The ultimate result...

In a crowded market, your personal brand is a critical differentiator. By consistently putting yourself out there, you cement your position as an expert and thought leader that customers and clients can rely on. You build crucial "know, like, and trust" factors that allow people to connect with you beyond just your product or service.

The end result of consistently working on your personal brand will be greater credibility, more inbound leads, and a business that energizes you with work you truly enjoy doing for people you genuinely want to serve. While it may feel uncomfortable at first, each step gets easier. The potential upsides massively outweigh any temporary anxieties about putting yourself out there.

And finally, the more you do these activities, the more you can settle into the belief of your professional value. This will gradually and effectively quiet the doubting voices in your head, which are often associated with imposter syndrome.

Have faith in your value and make your voice heard.

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