

An Open Letter to the Old Friends and Family of Thomas Becher

To the friends and family of the deceased.....

It's a morbid thing to think about what our funeral would be like if we were to die an early death or before an advanced age. That never stopped me from thinking about it as there have been so many times in my life that I have been misunderstood (mostly to my own fault). And there have been many times when I truly believe the attendance at my funeral would not be a high turnout.

And strangely it never made me sad one bit...for I have always known that I have lived this life mostly my way and that I would have died with very few regrets.

Another reason why it never made me sad is because I UNDERSTOOD why I scared people away and why I was often misunderstood.

IDEALISM.....the practice of living ones life true to ideals in different areas of life. It sounds like a pretty concept and it sounds like a noble concept but in practice living an ideal life in a decayed and broken culture can look rather ugly for when you live true to your ideals it includes holding other people true to their ideals for we are all in this world together.

I want a more ideal world and I have vocally been dedicated to an ideal world since I was 25 and it has been a dream of mine for much longer than that. It was when I was 25 that I started my first business and sought to bring my ideals in professional manner and attempt to "Be the Change I wished to see in the world"

Well!!! I clueless to BUSINESS and a host of other things in 2001. And anybody that witnessed the amount of money I blew through and the amount of mistakes I made would have to shake their head in wonder at how could one person that seemingly was so intelligent make so many bone headed mistakes.

And that was 2001 and I repeated similar mistakes in 2002/2003, 2007, and 2011. Each time reaching for business success and crashing and burning and having to rebuild my life.

2012-2017....I saw a study climb and the birth of my son and in 2017 I saw an opportunity to climb again and change my life dramatically and in doing so hold myself accountable to a higher standard along with those around me.

Now when you go from your normal operating basis and you look to elevate yourself to a higher standard and others around you and you don't communicate well then you can scare people, confuse people, and turn people off. Many of you are amongst those people that experienced those periods in my life.

For those people that have known me during those periods of breaking out of my "old mold" into a more ideal version of who I want to be...well you might have seen a rough version of the new me and I thank you for dealing with and bearing with me.

For those of you that were confused, turned off, or scared...I get it. Its understandable. I am about intense as they get and it doesn't help that I am 6'1 230-250 pounds at any given time. (Even though everyone that knows me knows that I am a teddy bear and rarely yell and never ever get violent.)

I have always prided myself in the ability to be patient and leave each conversation with the other person understanding me and being able to leave with a relatively positive experience and that is despite the fact that I have ALWAYS been one to call out people and try to persuade them to live a healthier and more responsible life. I may get more intense when I break out of a mold into a newer mold but I am consistent with my intentions and desires. They have never wavered throughout my entire life.

A new beginning.....

Prior to 2026 I had the idea that I wanted to keep many friends and family that I had carried with me my entire life. That it was my job to get them (and many of YOU) to understand me and get into agreement with how I wanted to live MY LIFE. And that was a false idea.

My job was only to INVITE YOU into my new life or bid you farewell. And while that might sound dramatic there really isn't any other option. If you decide to live your life to a different standard and someone (meaning YOU) refuse to want to be held accountable to that higher standard you cannot be forced. It is a free country and we all have free will and have to decide ourselves who we are and what we wish to do in this life and how we wish to influence ourselves and others. And that includes the **RIGHT TO DO NOTHING**.

I have had the false notion that I could **WILL** people to care more and take more responsibility for their life and the lives of others. Truly all I can do is invite people to do so and try to inspire through any means possible.

During my times of growth I have taken on attitudes that included **DEMANDING** people live to standards instead of inviting and inspiring. Now at the early age of 50 years I have **finally** learned my lesson.

And that lesson is **NOT** TO MIND MY OWN BUSINESS. That is an impossibility for Tom Becher. The lesson is that I need to recreate my life in a new unit of time and invite people new and old to be a part of my life either as a client, employee, business associate, friend, or a tighter friend (AKA family). MY PRESENCE is **NOT** OBLIGED to anyone. (Except my

children, the mother of my children, and my mother). And conversely YOUR PRESENCE IS **NOT** OBLIGED to me.

We ultimately decide who we wish to have in our life and many of us have blood relatives we keep close to us and those we keep at a distance and those we have eliminated. I am not stating anything shocking or revolutionary but perhaps I am stating things more plainly than you have heard before and hopefully it is landing softly and it is not harsh for it is said in peace and understanding.

Basic Declarations

I often encourage people when they first start working with me or when I first become friends with someone to make basic declarations on who we they want to be (in my business or in my life and conversely how I can better serve or be friend to them). These declarations can be more specific and should be based on your audience for the purposes of this letter I will keep these declarations less specific.

1. I wish to be a great human and a positive influence on those connected to me.
 2. I wish to be the most amazing father possible and inspire my children and clear a path for them to experience the world and ensure I leave a better world for them to flourish long after I am gone.
 3. I wish to be a husband again and perhaps a new father again as it is my greatest joy to a part of a child's life and help introduce them to the world and see them grow.
 4. I wish to be a dominant businessman and use my talents to help individuals, families, and other businesses grow and develop and expand based on the hard fought wisdom I have gained. And my goals include making a lot of money for I know every dollar I make will be a reflection of the value I bring to individuals on this planet.
 5. I wish to be a positive influence for the underprivileged that cannot afford my professional services through my non-profit organization.
 6. I wish to inspire change politically in our government here in the USA through my media company and ultimately serving my nation in political office and helping to clean up corruption, helping to overhaul inefficient systems, and help bring about a reboot on what our founding fathers started 250 years ago with the wisdom we have gained in the last 250 years.
 7. I wish to reconnect with my religion again and make peace with the best group of individuals I have ever met and prove to them that I am an individual that can be trusted as a group member and as a leader.
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In closing, I thank you for being a part of my first 50 years of my life. And I do sincerely apologize for any times I may have been a difficult individual to be around. I always intended to be a positive change but I am well aware how difficult I could be around at certain times in the past.

Moving forward I understand what I need to do and that includes:

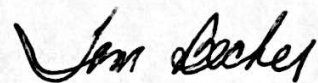
1. Surrounding myself with great people that understand where I am going and want to help me get there
2. Always dealing with people with as much grace as possible and understanding and allowing them to grow at their own pace but also challenging them in the most fun and enjoyable way possible.

I do thank you for reading and being a part of my story and it has been an honor being a part of yours. Moving forward I may reach out to you and invite you into my life again and I do hope to hear from you and receive an invitation to be part of yours.

I truly love people and cannot name a soul I have ill will towards on this planet. Life is far from easy and I have endless compassion for anybody that has tried to get anything done in any area of life.

I have endless optimism for the future and do believe we are closer to turning the culture around for the better (and that includes both here in USA and around the world).

All My Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Becher", with a stylized, cursive script.

Tom Becher

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