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## Stewardship Tools for Leaders : Quotes & Illustrations

**Title: Follow your dreams**

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Jim Carrey, comedian and film star, sat down in 1989 and wrote himself a cheque for \$10 million and dated it October 1995. He always carried that cheque in his wallet as a reminder of the picture of a future that did not yet exist.

In fact, Carrey tells of the many evenings he would go up to Mulholland Drive overlooking Los Angeles, and gaze out over the lights of the city and imagine that everyone in the city loved his comedy work. He says he would stay there until he had the picture so firmly in his mind that he was convinced it was true. Then he would get in his car joyfully singing, and drive back home waving at everyone and believing that they all knew and loved him.

When he got into films in 1992, he received \$200,000 for his first film. He received \$300,000 for his second film. He received \$350,000 for doing the hit film "The Mask." In January of 1995, he signed a contract for \$10 million for 'The Mask II'. Carrey's father died after he signed this contract. During a recent interview, Carrey revealed that just before his father's coffin was closed, he passed by and dropped into the coffin the \$10 million cheque he had carried in his wallet all those years. The preferred future that Carrey envisioned had become reality at last. Carrey attributes it all to keeping the vision before him.