



**Ref: Free speaker for business groups, correctional facilities, schools, colleges, and non-profits.**

Jim Griffiths ran away from home at 13, quit school, joined a rock-band 3,000 miles away, and got kicked out of the US Coast Guard, all prior to turning 18. He was also able to quit working in his 30's because of mentors that helped him adopt the mentality of an entrepreneur. Entrepreneurial thinking is not about business. It's about making things happen. It's about HOW to think, vs WHAT to think. His talk is motivating, inspiring, memorable, and he claims it to be like a grocery store; "There's something in it for everyone."

He self-published the book "*Don't Tell Me I Can't Do It*", a collection of chapters from Key Largo to Alaska explaining how he adopted entrepreneurial thinking and how others can apply it in their job, business or in their personal life.

Personal:

Residence: SW Florida

Founder/Publisher: Nautical Mile Magazine, Inc.

Founder/President: "Third Draft", 501(c)(3). -Life-skills and entrepreneurship curriculum

Writer: "Don't Tell Me I Can't Do It" Self published book about entrepreneurial thinking habits

"My Dog Bo" -Kids books

Lee County Sheriff's Office: -Volunteer

Collier County School System: -Weekly volunteer in high school Entrepreneur's Incubator class

They don't think out of the box, they invent boxes. They have a zero-tolerance policy for people that say and think "That's how it's always been done." They have no patience for getting by, surviving, or doing "okay". They look one level deeper to see things others don't. They obey rules, just before rewriting them, and they tend to make early adapters late.

They hate sayings like "Don't reinvent the wheel", because there's always a way to make something better, and they'll find it. They focus on clearly identifying problems before trying to solve them. They steer clear of gossip, on-line and off. They draw attention to possibilities, and you can trust their signature.

They face fears and opposition, while most spend their life avoiding both. They don't always think better or different, but they think. When they've given up, they try one more time.

Those that can withstand the side effects being criticized and misunderstood for not conforming to "the herd" have always been the architects of the future.

Entrepreneurs. The world could use a few more.

- Jim Griffiths

**Presentation samples:**

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