

AFFILIATE MARKETING FOR NEWBIES

Step-By-Step Guide for Your
Affiliate Marketing Business



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- [ListJoe](#) – Credit mailer traffic source
- [SendSteed.com](#) – Free list manager
- [LeadsLeap](#) - Free Link Tracking and Traffic Exchange
- [WealthyAffiliate.Com](#) - Free Website and Training
- [TrafficAdBar](#) - Traffic Ad Exchange
- [EasyHits4U](#) - Traffic Ad Exchange

Chapter 1 – Welcome to the Affiliate World

How Everyday People Build Real Income Online

What Is Affiliate Marketing?

Affiliate marketing is one of the simplest and most powerful ways to earn income online. You recommend a product or service you trust, share your unique link, and when someone makes a purchase through that link — you earn a commission.

That's it. No product to create, no customer service to handle, and no shipping to worry about.

Every day, thousands of people are making real money by connecting **buyers** and **sellers** — and getting rewarded for it. Think of it as being the “middleman” between people who need something and companies who provide it.

A Personal Introduction

When I first discovered affiliate marketing, I didn't have a big budget, fancy tools, or any special skills. What I did have was curiosity and a drive to learn.

I started exploring different programs and platforms, experimenting with what worked. Over time, I found systems that helped me grow — especially by using **free traffic tools** like [ListJoe](#), and [Mailsy](#).

These tools, known as **credit mailers** and **safelists**, allow you to send your offers directly to other marketers who are also looking for traffic. They're often overlooked by mainstream marketers, but when used the right way, they can generate consistent signups and sales.

That's how I learned that you don't need a big budget or fancy ads to start building results — you just need to use the right tools and stay consistent.

This book is my way of sharing that experience with you — everything I wish someone had handed me when I first started.

The Beauty of Affiliate Marketing

You can start from anywhere, with whatever resources you have right now.

You don't need:

- Your own product
- A big following
- Technical knowledge

You *do* need:

- Patience
- Consistency
- A willingness to learn and apply what you learn

It's not about instant results — it's about building an online system that can earn you income 24/7, even while you sleep.

Understanding the Mindset of a New Affiliate

Before we jump into tools, networks, or websites, it's important to get your mindset right.

Here's the truth: most beginners fail not because affiliate marketing doesn't work — but because they stop too soon.

You might send your first emails and see no sales. You might write a blog post that gets only a few views. But every small step you take adds up.

Affiliate success comes from **steady effort and consistency**. When you show up daily — promoting, learning, and improving — your results start to grow.

The Basic Flow of Affiliate Marketing

Here's how the process works:

1. **You join an affiliate program.**
You get a special link that tracks every visitor you send.
2. **You promote your link.**
You share it using websites, traffic exchanges, social media, or email.
3. **People click your link.**
If they buy or take an action, you earn a commission.
4. **You rinse and repeat.**
The more targeted traffic you send, the more you earn.

Simple, right? But the key is learning how to promote effectively — that's what the rest of this book is all about.

Why Free Traffic Still Works

Many “gurus” will tell you to start with paid ads. But if you're just beginning, you don't need to spend a cent.

You can build results using **free traffic systems** — like **safelists**, **credit mailers**, **traffic exchanges**, social media posts, and free websites.

These tools might not be glamorous, but they *work* — especially when you combine them with consistency and good copywriting.

In later chapters, I'll show you exactly how to use them to start getting visitors, clicks, and sign-ups — even on your first week.

What You'll Learn in This Book

By the end of this guide, you'll understand:

- How affiliate marketing really works (and what beginners get wrong)
 - How to choose products that sell
 - How to build your first landing page and email list
 - How to get free traffic every day
 - How to use tools like [List Joe](#), and [Mailsy](#) effectively
 - How to track your progress and scale up
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Your First Step Right Now

Don't wait until you "know everything."
Start today by doing these 3 small steps:

1. **Create a notebook or document** for your affiliate journey — write down what you learn daily.
2. **Pick one niche or topic** you enjoy (health, finance, marketing, etc.).
3. **Sign up for one affiliate program** — even a free one like [Wealthy Affiliate](#) or [SendSteed](#) — so you can start learning hands-on.

That's it. You're already one step ahead of most people who just think about it.

A Final Word Before We Begin

You're about to learn a skill that can change your life — not overnight, but over time.
Affiliate marketing isn't about chasing trends or hype. It's about building something real, one click and one connection at a time.

So, as you go through the next chapters, take your time. Follow each step.
Apply what you learn — and by the end, you'll have your own system in place.

Welcome to the affiliate world — your journey starts now.

Chapter 2 – How Affiliate Marketing Works

Understanding the System That Pays You

The Simple Idea Behind It All

Affiliate marketing may sound complicated at first, but it's actually built on a very simple system.

You promote someone else's product or service → a visitor clicks your special tracking link → that company records your referral → you earn a commission when a purchase or signup happens.

Everything in this book is built around understanding and improving those four steps. The better you get at each part, the more consistent your results become.

The Affiliate Connection

Every affiliate program gives you a **unique tracking link** (often called a *referral link* or *affiliate URL*). This link tells the company exactly who sent the visitor.

When someone clicks your link, a **tracking cookie** is placed on their device — this is how the system knows you deserve credit for the sale.

Depending on the company:

- Some cookies last for 24 hours
- Others last for 30, 60, or even 90 days

That means if your referral comes back weeks later and buys, you still get paid.

It's one of the most fair and automated systems online — you send the visitor once, and the tracking system does the rest.

Who's Involved in Affiliate Marketing

There are three main players in this business:

1. **The Merchant (or Vendor)** – This is the company selling a product or service.
Examples: Amazon, ClickBank, or a web hosting provider.
2. **The Affiliate (That's You)** – You promote the merchant's products using your unique affiliate link.
3. **The Customer** – The person who clicks your link and buys the product.

Some systems also include:

- **Affiliate Networks** (like ClickBank, JVZoo, or ShareASale) — these act as middlemen connecting affiliates and merchants.
- **Tracking Platforms** — tools that let you monitor your own clicks, leads, and conversions.

The Basic Structure of an Affiliate System

To visualize it, think of it like this:

1. **You join an affiliate program.**
You receive your unique link and access to marketing materials (banners, emails, etc.).
2. **You promote your link.**
You use blog posts, social media, emails, safelists, or traffic exchanges to send visitors to the product page or your own landing page.
3. **Visitors click your link.**
The system tracks each click and sets a cookie for you.
4. **Visitors buy or sign up.**
When that happens, the system records the conversion and attributes it to your account.
5. **You get paid.**
Payments can be weekly, biweekly, or monthly, depending on the program.

And that's the foundation. The rest of your affiliate journey is about improving each part — getting better at driving traffic, building trust, and increasing your conversions.

How Commissions Work

Affiliate commissions can vary widely depending on the product and company. Here are the common types:

- **Percentage-based commissions** – e.g., 25%, 50%, or even 75% of each sale (common for digital products).
- **Flat-rate commissions** – a fixed dollar amount per sale or signup (common for software or subscription services).
- **Recurring commissions** – ongoing payments each month as long as the customer remains subscribed (these are powerful for long-term income).

Example:

If you promote a \$50 monthly membership that pays 30% recurring, you earn \$15 per month *per customer*. Ten customers = \$150/month in passive income.

One-Time vs. Recurring Income

Beginners often focus only on quick one-time sales, but the real strength of affiliate marketing is **recurring programs** — where you earn every month from the same effort.

That's why promoting things like **email marketing tools**, **hosting**, or **traffic services** is so valuable. Once someone signs up and stays, your income compounds automatically.

Tracking and Analytics

To succeed, you need to know what's working.

You can track your results using:

- Built-in dashboards from affiliate networks
- Link trackers like **Bitly**, **ClickMagick**, or [LeadsLeap](#)
- Email statistics from services like [SendSteed](#)

Always pay attention to:

- Click-through rate (CTR) – how many people click your links
- Conversion rate – how many buyers or signups you get
- Source – where your best traffic is coming from

Once you see what's performing, you can do more of what works and drop what doesn't.

The Real Key: Systems Over Luck

Successful affiliates don't rely on chance — they build **simple systems** that bring traffic and sales daily.

That system might look like this:

1. A landing page offering a free guide or tool
2. An email list that follows up automatically
3. Regular promotions using traffic exchanges, safelists, and social media

When those parts work together, even small daily actions start producing long-term results.

Quick Recap

Here's what you now understand:

- Affiliate marketing connects customers with products — you get paid for referrals.
 - Your unique link and cookie tracking handle all the technical work.
 - You can earn one-time or recurring commissions.
 - Tracking and analytics show you what to focus on.
 - Building a repeatable system is the path to steady income.
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Action Steps

1. Join one free affiliate program (if you haven't already).
2. Locate your unique affiliate link — save it in your notes or planner.
3. Visit your dashboard and learn where to find your stats (clicks, sales, etc.).
4. Write down the commission structure — know what you'll earn per sale or signup.

In the next chapter, we'll go deeper into **how to choose your niche and offers**, so you'll know *exactly* what to promote and why.

Chapter 3 – Choosing Your Niche and Offers

Finding What to Promote and Who to Promote It To

Why Your Niche Matters

Before you start promoting links everywhere, you need to choose a **niche** — a focused topic or market where you'll build your content, audience, and offers.

Your niche decides:

- What products you promote
- What kind of people you attract
- What kind of content you'll create

If your niche is too broad, your message gets lost. If it's too narrow, you'll run out of things to promote. The goal is a **profitable middle ground** — a space that people are already spending money in, but that you can make your own.

What Makes a Good Niche

When choosing your niche, look for **three things**:

1. **Passion or Interest** – You don't need to be an expert, but you should enjoy learning and talking about it.
2. **Demand** – Are people actively searching for products or information in this space?
3. **Profit Potential** – Are there good affiliate programs available that pay well and actually convert?

A niche without profit is just a hobby.

A niche without interest is just work.

You want both.

Popular Niche Examples That Work

Here are proven niches that beginners can succeed in:

Niche	Example Products	Why It Works
Make Money Online	Affiliate tools, hosting, courses	Huge demand, repeat buyers
Health & Fitness	Supplements, diet guides, workout plans	Evergreen and emotional
Personal Development	Books, apps, coaching	Works well with email follow-ups
Home Business	Lead systems, traffic tools, safelists	Great for credit mailers & traffic exchanges
Tech & Gadgets	Software, AI tools, gadgets	Trendy and easy to review
Travel	Booking platforms, luggage, insurance	Seasonal but strong visuals

If you're already using safelists or traffic exchanges, the **Home Business / Affiliate Tools** niche is a perfect fit — those platforms already attract people interested in online income, websites, and marketing tools.

Researching a Niche

Before committing, do a bit of research:

- Search Google or YouTube for “best [your niche] affiliate programs.”

- Check forums like Reddit or Quora to see if people are asking questions about your niche.
- Visit Facebook Groups or Telegram channels related to your topic — are they active and engaged?
- Look up competitors' websites to see what kind of content and offers they use.

If you find steady conversation, interest, and products being promoted — you've found a good space.

How to Pick Affiliate Offers

Once you know your niche, it's time to pick what to promote. Look for offers that meet these criteria:

1. **Legitimate & Reputable** – Always test or review products before recommending them.
 2. **Good Commissions** – Ideally 30% or more, or recurring payments.
 3. **Proven Conversions** – Look for offers with real reviews or testimonials.
 4. **Solid Landing Pages** – The page your traffic goes to should look trustworthy and professional.
 5. **Affiliate Support** – Some programs provide swipe emails, banners, and tracking tools — these save you time.
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Recommended Affiliate Networks for Beginners

Here are a few good places to find offers:

- [Wealthy Affiliate](#) – Free to join, offers excellent recurring commissions and a supportive community.
- **ClickBank** – Digital products across hundreds of niches.
- [LeadsLeap](#) – Offers built-in tracking, page building, and credits for traffic.

- **JVZoo / WarriorPlus** – Focus on online business tools, software, and courses.
 - **Amazon Associates** – Great for product reviews but lower commission rates.
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Tools and Traffic Platforms That Fit

If you're using **credit mailers or traffic exchanges**, you can promote affiliate tools and training that help other marketers — things like:

- [SendSteed](#) – Free list builder and autoresponder.
- [LeadsLeap](#) – Perfect for tracking, building pages, and earning credits.
- [Mailsy](#), [List Joe](#) – Excellent for reaching other marketers with free or paid solo ads.

These platforms work best when your niche is **affiliate tools, traffic, or business opportunities**, because the audience is already interested in those topics.

Narrowing Down Your Focus

Let's say you like the "Make Money Online" niche. That's huge — so you'll want to narrow it down. Here are examples:

- **Too Broad:** "Make Money Online"
- **Better:** "Affiliate Marketing for Beginners"
- **Perfect:** "Free Traffic Tools for New Affiliates"

That third one gives you a clear target audience — people just starting out who want to build their business without spending a lot. It's also perfectly aligned with your brand and tools.

Quick Tip

Don't overthink your niche.

The best way to find your direction is to **start promoting**, watch what gets clicks, and adjust as you go.

It's much easier to refine your focus once you see what people actually respond to.

Action Steps

1. Choose one niche you can stay consistent with for at least 6 months.
 2. Find 3–5 affiliate programs within that niche.
 3. Write down your favorite products or tools to promote first.
 4. Save all your affiliate links in a spreadsheet for easy access.
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Coming Next...

In the next chapter, we'll talk about **Building Your Foundation** — how to set up your website, email list, and tracking so you have a real system in place instead of scattered links.

Chapter 4 – Finding the Right Products to Promote

Choosing Offers That Pay and Convert

Why Choosing the Right Product Matters

Even with the best website, list, and traffic system — if you're promoting the wrong offers, you'll struggle to make sales.

The right product:

- Solves a real problem
- Fits your audience perfectly
- Pays fairly and consistently

When you promote something valuable that helps your readers, you earn trust and repeat sales. Affiliate marketing becomes easy when your audience *wants* what you're sharing.

Step 1: Understand What Your Audience Wants

Think about who's seeing your links.

If you're using **safelists, credit mailers, or traffic exchanges**, your audience is mostly:

- Other online marketers
- Beginners looking for free tools
- People who want traffic, leads, or extra income

So the best products to promote are **marketing tools, training, and systems** that help them get results faster.

Ask yourself:

- "What problem does this tool solve?"

- “Would I personally use it?”
- “Does it help my audience build their business easier or cheaper?”

If the answer is yes — it’s a winner.

Step 2: Categories of Affiliate Products

Here are five main types of affiliate products that work well for beginners:

- 1. Digital Tools & Software**
Email autoresponders, page builders, traffic platforms.
Example: SendSteed, LeadsLeap, or AIOP.
 - 2. Online Training & Courses**
Step-by-step guides that teach affiliate marketing or traffic generation.
Example: Wealthy Affiliate’s training system.
 - 3. Recurring Services**
Hosting, autoresponders, or subscription-based tools.
These create *monthly recurring income*.
 - 4. Physical Products**
From Amazon or niche stores — better for blogs or YouTube, not safelists.
 - 5. Business Opportunities**
Systems where members can earn commissions promoting the same program.
Works well with traffic exchanges and credit mailers.
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Step 3: What Makes a High-Converting Offer

A good affiliate product should check most of these boxes:

 **Factor**

 **Why It Matters**

Strong Landing Page Looks professional, clear message, fast loading

Solid Reputation No scams or spammy tactics

Recurring Commissions Builds long-term income

Helpful Product Something you'd genuinely recommend

Affiliate Tools Provided Banners, emails, and tracking make your job easier

Low Entry Barrier Easy for beginners to join or try for free

If an offer has a confusing website, no clear value, or seems too good to be true — skip it. Stick with tools and services that have *real users* and *honest support*.

Step 4: Where to Find Affiliate Offers

Here are the best and easiest sources to find good programs:

1. Affiliate Networks

- **ClickBank** – digital products with high commissions.
- **JVZoo / WarriorPlus** – software and marketing systems.
- **ShareASale** – business, finance, and lifestyle programs.
- **Impact** – big brands and recurring services.

2. Direct Affiliate Programs

Many companies have their own affiliate sign-up pages — just scroll to the bottom of their site and look for “Affiliate” or “Partners.”

Examples:

- [Wealthy Affiliate](#) – recurring commissions + training.
- [LeadsLeap](#) – free to join, earns monthly recurring income.
- [SendSteed](#) – included with LeadsLeap, easy for list building.



3. Recommended for Safelist & Traffic Exchange Users

If you're focusing on free traffic systems, stick to offers that fit that world:

- **Traffic tools**
- **List builders**
- **Lead capture systems**
- **Affiliate training**

Because everyone in that space already needs them.



Step 5: Understand the Commission Structure

Each affiliate program pays differently. Learn the terms before promoting.

- **One-Time Commission:** You earn once per sale. (Example: \$20 for each signup)
- **Recurring Commission:** You earn every month the customer stays. (Example: \$10/month)
- **Tiered Commission:** You earn from your referrals' sales too.
- **Lifetime Cookie:** You get credit whenever your lead buys anything in the future.



Pro tip: Recurring + lifetime cookie programs are the most powerful for passive income.

🧠 Step 6: Test and Track

Don't assume what works — test it.

Send traffic to one offer for a few days.

Track clicks, signups, and conversions using [LeadsLeap](#) or another tracker.

If you're getting:

- Clicks but no signups → your landing page might need improving.
- Signups but no sales → your follow-up emails need stronger calls to action.
- No clicks → your ad or subject line needs changing.

Affiliate success is a process of testing, improving, and repeating.

🏆 Step 7: Top Recommended Offers for Beginners

Here's a practical starter list of trusted tools you can safely promote:

Tool / Program	Type	Key Benefit
LeadsLeap	Traffic & List Builder	Free to start, recurring income
SendSteed	Email Autoresponder	Perfect for beginners
Wealthy Affiliate	Training & Hosting	Recurring commissions

[Mailsy](#) / [List Joe](#)

Traffic Platforms

Promote to other marketers

ClickBank

Digital Products

Huge variety of niches

These are real-world, proven offers that fit perfectly with your system and traffic methods.

Action Steps

1. Choose **2–3 affiliate offers** that match your niche and audience.
 2. Join those programs and get your affiliate links.
 3. Create a spreadsheet to track links, commissions, and login details.
 4. Test each offer using one safelist or traffic exchange.
 5. Track which one brings the best conversions.
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Coming Next...

In **Chapter 5**, we'll go deeper into **Creating Content That Converts** — how to write simple messages, ads, and emails that get clicks and build trust.

Chapter 5 – Creating Content That Converts

How to Write Words That Get Clicks and Build Trust

Why Content Matters

Every affiliate link, email, or ad needs one thing: **attention**.
Without good content, even the best offer gets ignored.

Your goal isn't to sound like a salesperson — it's to sound **helpful, real, and trustworthy**.
Good content makes readers feel, "This person understands what I need."

That's when they click.

Step 1: Keep It Simple and Clear

You don't need to write like a copywriter or use big marketing terms.
Just follow this simple formula for any kind of ad or email:

1. **Hook** – Grab attention fast
2. **Value** – Explain what they get
3. **Action** – Tell them what to do next

Example (for a safelist ad):

Subject: Free Tool Builds Your List 24/7

Body: Stop wasting hours trying to get signups.

This free system builds your list automatically – even while you sleep.

Click here to start free: [your link]

Short, direct, and clear. That's what works.

Step 2: Writing Emails That Sell (Without Selling)

Your subscribers joined your list because they're curious.
Now you need to turn that curiosity into trust.

Here's a 5-email starter sequence you can use:

Email 1 – Welcome

Introduce yourself and your mission.
Example:

Hi, I'm [Your Name]. I help beginners start affiliate marketing the easy way — using free tools and daily methods that work.
Here's your first step: [link].

Email 2 – Share a Tip

Teach something small and helpful.
Example:

Want more clicks on your safelist ads? Use short subject lines with numbers and curiosity.

Email 3 – Introduce a Tool

Explain how one tool helped you.
Example:

I used to waste hours sending traffic everywhere. Then I found LeadsLeap — it tracks everything automatically. Try it here: [link].

Email 4 – Build Trust

Share a real experience, result, or honest mistake you made.

Email 5 – Recommend Your Offer

Make a direct but friendly suggestion:

If you're ready to start building your list and earning online, here's the same system I use: [link].

 **Tip:** Always end your emails with one clear link — don't scatter five different offers in one message.

Step 3: Writing for Safelists and Credit Mailers

Safelist traffic is fast-moving. Most people scan dozens of ads per minute. That means your ad must stand out immediately.

Here's what works:

- **Short subject lines** (under 50 characters)
- **Curiosity or benefit-focused hooks**
- **No long paragraphs — use 1–2 lines max**
- **End with one call to action**

Example:

Subject: Need Signups? Try This Free

Body: Get new leads daily using free tools and traffic exchanges.

Start now: [your link]

Rotate 3–4 different ads each week. Track which one gets the most clicks — that's your winner.

Step 4: Creating Website or Blog Content

If you're building a website or blog, your content needs to **educate and guide** people. Think of it like teaching beginners what you wish someone told you.

Here are easy article types that convert well:

1. **"How-To" Guides** – Example: "How to Get Free Traffic for Affiliate Links"
2. **Tool Reviews** – Example: "My Honest Review of LeadsLeap (and Why I Still Use It)"
3. **Comparison Posts** – Example: "SendSteed vs. Mailchimp: Which Is Better for Beginners?"

4. **Resource Lists** – Example: “Top 5 Free Tools for Affiliate Marketers”
5. **Step-by-Step Tutorials** – Example: “How to Set Up Your First Landing Page in 10 Minutes”

Always end each post with a clear call to action — your affiliate link or list signup.

Step 5: Use Visuals and Proof

Even simple graphics or screenshots can help your content stand out.
You can:

- Use **free images** from sites like Pixabay or Unsplash
- Take screenshots of your LeadsLeap dashboard (showing your actual use)
- Create simple banners in **Canva** for blog headers or ads

Visuals make your content more real and trustworthy.

Step 6: Reuse and Repurpose Everything

Don't write new content every day — reuse what works.

You can:

- Turn a blog post into a safelist ad
- Use an email as a Facebook post
- Post your short tips on Twitter or Reddit

The same message can appear in multiple places — that's smart marketing, not repetition.

Step 7: Write Like You Talk

People buy from people — not robots.

Use a conversational tone. Pretend you're explaining a useful tool to a friend.

Bad example:

“Our revolutionary platform leverages advanced optimization for maximum ROI.”

Good example:

“This free tool helps you track every click so you know what's really working.”

Keep it real and human — that's what connects.

Action Steps

1. Write 3 short safelist ads using the formula (Hook – Value – Action).
 2. Set up a 5-email follow-up series in your autoresponder.
 3. Write one blog post or website article (a simple “how-to” or review).
 4. Add your affiliate link and track clicks for each piece of content.
 5. Repeat weekly — adjust based on results.
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Coming Next...

In **Chapter 6**, we'll go into **Free Traffic Strategies** — how to build consistent daily visitors using free systems like traffic exchanges, safelists, social media, and content sharing.

Chapter 6 – Free Traffic Strategies That Work

How to Get Daily Visitors Without Spending a Cent

The Real Key to Success

Affiliate marketing doesn't work without traffic — plain and simple.

But the good news is, you don't need ads, fancy software, or a big budget.

All you need is **consistent daily action** using **free sources** that actually deliver visitors.

There are four main free traffic systems we'll cover:

1. **Safelists and Credit Mailers**
2. **Traffic Exchanges**
3. **Social Sharing (optional expansion)**
4. **Content-Based Traffic (blogs, forums, posts)**

You'll also get a **daily routine** you can follow to get results starting day one.

Part 1: Safelists and Credit Mailers

Safelists are email-based traffic networks where members send promotional emails to each other.

You earn **credits** by reading other members' emails, and you spend those credits to send your own ads.

When used correctly, they can drive *hundreds* of free visitors every week.

Here's how to make them work:

Step 1: Join Multiple Reliable Sites

Start with well-managed safelists that actually deliver opens and clicks.

Examples of trusted ones include:

- [List Joe](#)

- [Mailsy](#)
- Safelist King
- European Safelist
- [LeadsLeap Mailer \(built into the platform\)](#)

Join at least 5–10 active safelists to start.

✓ Step 2: Create Simple, Short Ads

As covered in Chapter 6 — keep your message short.
Use catchy subjects and one clear call to action.

Example:

Subject: Get Free Daily Leads Instantly

Body: Start building your list with free tools – no tech skills needed.

Click here to start: [your link]

✓ Step 3: Schedule Regular Mailings

Mail daily or every other day (depending on each site's limits).
Track which safelists bring the most clicks and focus your time there.

✓ Step 4: Don't Spam, Rotate

Rotate ads weekly. Avoid sending the same subject line over and over — it lowers your open rate.

Keep your tone friendly, short, and value-focused.

Part 2: Traffic Exchanges

Traffic exchanges are websites where members view each other's pages.
You earn credits by viewing sites — and you spend those credits to display your own.

They're excellent for **getting eyes on your landing page or squeeze page**.

✓ **Step 1: Choose Reliable Sites**

Some good examples:

- [EasyHits4U](#)
- [LeadsLeap \(built-in exchange\)](#)
- [TrafficAdBar](#)
- **Herculist (combo site)**
- **WebBizInsider**

✓ **Step 2: Use Simple Capture Pages**

Traffic exchange users move fast — they don't read long pages.
Use short capture pages with:

- A headline
- 1 sentence of value
- A signup form or link

Example:

"Want free traffic tools? Get 5 free now and start promoting today. [Signup button]"

✓ **Step 3: Surf Daily**

Spend 15–30 minutes a day surfing.

While surfing, you'll not only earn credits but also see what kinds of pages grab your attention — and learn what works.

✓ **Step 4: Use Auto-Assign Credits**

Some exchanges let you automatically assign credits to your top-performing pages — use that feature to save time.

Part 3: Combine Both for Power

The best part about using safelists *and* traffic exchanges together is that they **reinforce each other**.

Here's a simple daily system:

- Use **safelists** to drive email readers to your landing page.
- Use **traffic exchanges** to drive surfers to the same page.
- Use **your autoresponder** (like SendSteed) to follow up automatically.

Both systems feed your list, which then feeds your commissions.

Part 4: Optional Expansion – Social & Forums

Once you're comfortable with daily safelist and exchange use, you can add extra sources like:

- **Reddit** (affiliate marketing or home business subs)
- **Facebook Groups** (post helpful content, not spam)
- [Wealthy Affiliate](#) (great for connecting with real marketers)
- [Your own blog or site](#) for long-term growth

The goal is to **build traffic that lasts**, not just one-time clicks.

Part 5: Tracking Your Results

Always track:

- Which safelists get clicks
- Which traffic exchanges send the most visitors
- Which page converts best (signups or sales)

LeadsLeap gives you free tracking tools for this.
When you see what works, double down on it.



7-Day Free Traffic Routine

Here's a simple plan to start with:

Day	Task	Goal
Mon	Mail 5 safelists	200+ visitors
Tue	Surf 3 exchanges (20 mins)	Earn credits
Wed	Send another safelist email	Track clicks
Thu	Write 1 new short ad	Rotate message
Fri	Mail 5 different safelists	Split test
Sat	Surf 2 exchanges (15 mins)	Earn credits
Sun	Review tracking	Focus on winners

Stick with this routine for 3–4 weeks — it compounds fast.
By the end of the month, you'll have hundreds of leads and steady traffic coming in daily.

Action Steps

1. Join 5–10 safelists and 3–5 traffic exchanges.
 2. Create 3–4 short ads and 2 simple capture pages.
 3. Surf daily and send safelist emails consistently.
 4. Track everything in LeadsLeap.
 5. Refine your system weekly based on results.
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Coming Next...

In **Chapter 7**, we'll cover **Automation & Scaling** — how to save time by automating your safelist mailings, tracking your results, and expanding your reach while spending less time at your desk.

Chapter 7 – Automation & Scaling

How to Save Time, Track Results, and Grow Your Affiliate Income on Autopilot

Why Automation Matters

Affiliate marketing rewards consistency — not chaos.

When you automate tasks, you make sure your links, emails, and pages keep working **even while you're offline**.

Automation doesn't mean "set it and forget it."

It means building **a system** that runs smoothly with minimal daily input.

You'll focus on three things:

1. Automating your traffic
 2. Automating your email follow-ups
 3. Tracking, testing, and scaling what works
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Part 1: Automating Your Email Follow-Ups

Your email list is your most valuable asset — and it can be automated almost completely.

Here's how:

Step 1: Use an Autoresponder

Use a **free autoresponder** like [SendSteed](#) (included with LeadsLeap).

It allows you to:

- Create email lists
- Build sign-up forms
- Write automated sequences that send over days or weeks

Step 2: Write a Follow-Up Sequence

Write 5–10 emails that go out automatically after someone subscribes.
Each one can introduce a new tool, share a tip, or remind them to take action.

Example:

- **Day 1:** Welcome email with main offer
- **Day 2:** A helpful tip about safelist advertising
- **Day 3:** Introduce LeadsLeap
- **Day 4:** Traffic exchange strategy
- **Day 5:** Invite to your “Free Tools” page

Once these are loaded into SendSteed, they’ll run on autopilot.

✓ **Step 3: Segment and Track**

Create separate lists for different types of offers — so your messages stay relevant.
Example: one list for traffic tools, another for affiliate beginners.

Part 2: Automating Your Traffic

You can’t (and shouldn’t) send safelist emails manually forever.
There are several ways to save time here.

✓ **Step 1: Use Built-In Mailers with Automation**

Some platforms, like **LeadsLeap**, allow you to schedule or queue emails automatically.
You can also promote multiple pages at once — the system rotates them for you.

✓ **Step 2: Use Credit-Earning Tools**

Some credit mailers and exchanges allow **auto-surf** or **credit builders** — they earn credits for you while you’re doing other work.

Use these to stockpile credits for your main campaigns.

✓ **Step 3: Rotate Multiple Capture Pages**

Use a link rotator (LeadsLeap has one built-in) to rotate between 3–5 capture pages.
This spreads your traffic evenly and helps you test which page converts best.



Part 3: Tracking Your Results Automatically

Never guess which traffic source works — track it.

Tools like [LeadsLeap Tracker](#) or **Bitly** let you see:

- Click counts
- Conversion rates
- Which safelist or exchange sent the most traffic

Use unique tracking links for each traffic source:

- “ListJoe-Link”
- “SafelistKing-Link”
- “EasyHits4U-Link”

After one week, you’ll see which ones are producing — and which you can skip.



Part 4: Time-Saving Systems (Daily + Weekly)



Daily (30 Minutes)

1. Send or schedule safelist emails (use templates).
2. Surf a few traffic exchanges (10–15 mins).
3. Check LeadsLeap dashboard — see clicks & signups.



Weekly (1–2 Hours)

1. Add one new email to your autoresponder.
2. Rotate or replace underperforming ads.

3. Review tracking results and adjust.

That's it. Once your system is running, you'll be spending **less time every week** while results increase.

Part 5: Optional Paid Upgrades

While you can succeed completely free, some small upgrades can speed things up a lot.

Here are worthwhile ones (only after you've mastered the free tools):

★ [LeadsLeap Pro](#)

- Your ads get *10x* more views.
- Track unlimited links.
- Run multiple list campaigns.
- Queue up emails automatically.

★ **Traffic Exchange Upgrades**

- “Pro” or “VIP” levels show your pages more often.
- Often include auto-surf credits daily.
- Saves you from clicking manually.

★ **Premium Safelists**

- Some offer paid mailings that reach the *entire* membership instantly.
- Use sparingly for major promos or launches.

Upgrades are optional — but reinvesting small earnings into automation is how you **scale faster**.

Part 6: Scaling Beyond Free Traffic

Once your free traffic system is steady, you can expand to:

- Blog content with SEO
- Paid solo ads (when your funnel converts well)
- Simple YouTube videos that teach what you already know
- Social traffic (Reddit, Twitter, or Wealthy Affiliate posts)

These methods bring in *new audiences* while your safelist system keeps running.

Part 7: Building a True Affiliate System

Here's what your full system looks like now:

1. **Traffic Sources:** Safelists + Exchanges bring new visitors
2. **Landing Page:** Collects leads
3. **Autoresponder:** Sends emails automatically
4. **Affiliate Offers:** Generate income
5. **Tracking:** Shows what's working
6. **Automation:** Keeps it running 24/7

You've now built a *mini affiliate machine* — one that keeps growing as you add content, ads, and leads.

Action Steps

1. Set up or review your [SendSteed](#) autoresponder.
2. Create 5–10 automated emails.

3. Use [LeadsLeap's](#) link tracker for every traffic source.
4. Add 2–3 rotator pages to test.
5. Decide if you'll upgrade one key platform this month.

Chapter 8 – Tracking, Testing & Optimization

How to Turn Data into Steady Growth and Predictable Income

Why Tracking Matters

If you're not tracking, you're guessing — and guessing costs time and leads.

Even small differences in click rates or conversions can mean the difference between:

- 1 sale per week
or
- 10 sales per week

Tracking shows you what's *really working*, so you can repeat success with confidence.

Part 1: What to Track

There are three main things every affiliate marketer should track:

1. **Clicks** – How many people visited your link.
2. **Conversions** – How many visitors signed up or bought something.
3. **Sources** – Where each visitor came from.

When you know these, you can make smart decisions — like which safelists or ads deserve your time.

Part 2: Tools You Can Use

Here are free (and optional paid) tools for tracking and optimization:

Free Tools

- [LeadsLeap Tracker](#) – Gives detailed click stats, visitor duration, and conversions.

- **Bitly or TinyURL** – Shorten links and see basic click counts.
- **Google Sheets** – Keep a log of what you tested and what worked.

Optional Paid Tools

- **ClickMagick** – Professional-grade tracking and split-testing.
- [LeadsLeap Pro](#) – Adds advanced tracking, conversion tracking, and rotators.

If you're starting out, [LeadsLeap's free tracker](#) is enough.

Part 3: Tracking Your Safelist and Exchange Ads

Each safelist or traffic exchange should have its **own tracking link**.

Example setup:

Source	Tracking Link	Clicks	Conversions
List Joe	yoursite.com/?src=listjoe	420	8
Mailsy	yoursite.com/?src=mrsafelist	365	5
EasyHits4U	yoursite.com/?src=easyhits	512	11

After one or two weeks, you'll see which ones send real visitors — not just fast clickers.

Then, **focus your effort** on the top 3–5 performers.

Part 4: Split Testing Your Ads

Split testing means comparing two or more versions of an ad or page to see which one gets better results.

Example:

- Ad A: “Free Tool Builds Your List Fast”
- Ad B: “Get 100 Free Leads This Week”

You run both with equal traffic — the one with more clicks or signups wins.

Then you *keep* that version and retire the loser.

Over time, this process steadily increases your performance without extra work.

Part 5: Testing Landing Pages

Don't assume one landing page will fit every audience.

Try small variations:

- Different headlines
- Different button colors
- A shorter or longer form
- A slightly different offer wording

You can rotate pages automatically using [LeadsLeap's Rotator](#) or **Rotating URL tools**.

Keep your design simple — one clear goal: get the signup.

Part 6: Reading Conversion Data

When you look at stats, focus on:

- **CTR (Click-Through Rate):** How many people clicked compared to how many saw it.

- **Opt-In Rate:** How many signed up out of total visitors.
- **Earnings per Click (EPC):** If you're promoting a paid offer, how much you earned per click.

Even a **1–2% improvement** in opt-in rate can double your results over time.

Part 7: Scaling What Works

Once you know your winners — scale them.

Here's how:

1. **Increase mailings** to top safelists.
2. **Add credits** or upgrade on the traffic exchanges that perform best.
3. **Clone your top ad** with small changes for variety.
4. **Use Pro tracking** to push more traffic to top pages.

Never scale a campaign until you've tested it small — that way, you only invest in what works.

Part 8: Affiliate Network Stats

If you promote offers from networks like **ClickBank**, **WarriorPlus**, or [LeadsLeap](#), you'll have access to their stats pages too.

These usually show:

- Number of hops (clicks to the offer)
- Sales
- Refunds
- Commissions earned

Match those with your tracking links to see exactly which sources led to real income.

Part 9: Your Optimization Routine

Here's an easy weekly checklist to keep your system improving:

Task	Frequency
Review top 5 safelists' performance	Weekly
Check which ads got most clicks	Weekly
Replace lowest-performing ad	Biweekly
Update one email in autoresponder	Weekly
Review leads & conversions	Weekly

A little time spent reviewing data creates **massive improvement** over months.

Part 10: Keep Learning and Adjusting

Optimization is an ongoing skill. The best marketers are always testing:

- New subject lines
- Different landing page headlines
- Alternate tools or bonus offers

Remember:

💡 “Don’t do more work — make the same work perform better.”

✓ Action Steps

1. Create unique tracking links for each safelist and exchange.
 2. Test two ad variations this week.
 3. Track all data in LeadsLeap or a spreadsheet.
 4. Focus only on your top 3–5 traffic sources.
 5. Refine one email or page weekly based on data.
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📖 Coming Next...

In the **Bonus Section**, we’ll go beyond the main chapters with:

- **Traffic Exchange & Safelist Directory (Top Sites to Join)**
- **Ready-to-Use Ad Templates**
- **A 30-Day Daily Action Plan**
- **Affiliate Tools Checklist**

Bonus Section – Your Affiliate Toolkit

Traffic Exchanges, Safelists, Templates, and Tools for Real Results

Overview

This section is your **hands-on resource guide**.

Inside, you'll find:

1.  The top **safelists and credit mailers** that actually deliver clicks
2.  The best **traffic exchanges** to earn and spend credits efficiently
3.  Ready-to-use **ad templates** for emails and mailers
4.  A list of **essential free tools** for tracking, automation, and list building

Everything here can be used with the system we built in earlier chapters.

Part 1: Recommended Safelists & Credit Mailers

Safelists are one of the fastest ways to get free traffic — but only if you use **active, well-managed lists**.

Below are reliable, tested platforms that consistently deliver opens and clicks.

Safelist Name	Website	Type	Notes
List Joe	List Joe	Credit Mailer	Very active, great for beginners
Mailsy	Mailsy	Credit Mailer	Consistent click results

Safelist King	safelistking.com	Credit Mailer	Good for promoting list builders
European Safelist	europeansafelist.com	Credit Mailer	Long-established and trusted
LeadsLeap Mailer	leadsleap.com	Built-in System	Connects directly to your tracker & autoresponder
Herculist	herculist.com	Combo	Includes mailer + traffic exchange
State of the Art Mailer	stateofheartmailer.com	Credit Mailer	Fast delivery, active members

Pro Tip: Join at least **5–7 safelists** and rotate your mailings daily. Use different subject lines each week.

Part 2: Recommended Traffic Exchanges

Traffic exchanges are great for getting eyes on your landing pages while building credits for future promos.

Traffic Exchange	Website	Features	Notes
EasyHits4U	easyhits4u.com	Surf & earn credits	Massive user base
LeadsLeap	leadsleap.com	Built-in TE + tracker	All-in-one system

TrafficAdBar	trafficadbar.com	Ranking ladder	Earn ongoing hits automatically
WebBizInsider	webbizinsider.com	Active community	Good for long-term surf results
Hit2Hit	hit2hit.com	Classic exchange	Fast surfing, consistent traffic
Herculist	herculist.com	Combo	Counts as both safelist + TE

Pro Tip: Keep your capture pages short and track which sites bring real signups, not just views.

Part 3: Ready-to-Use Ad Templates

Use these templates to save time and ensure your safelist or email ads stay short, catchy, and effective.

Template 1 – Lead Magnet Offer

Subject: Get 5 Free Tools for Affiliate Success

Body:

Start your affiliate journey the easy way — with tools that help you get traffic, leads, and sales for free.

No credit card, no upsell — just results.

👉 Click here to get instant access: [your link]

Template 2 – Traffic Builder

Subject: Need Daily Visitors? Here's How

Body:

I'm getting hundreds of free visitors every week using a simple system that takes less than 30 minutes a day.

Start building your list today — free to join!

 Join here: [your link]

Template 3 – Tool Promotion

Subject: Free Tracker + Autoresponder in One

Body:

Track your clicks, emails, and leads all in one place — and it's 100% free.

Perfect for beginners who want automation without cost.

Get it here: [your link]

Template 4 – Follow-Up Email

Subject: Your Free Tools Are Ready

Body:

Hey there,

Just wanted to make sure you grabbed your free traffic and list-building tools.

They're still available here: [your link]

Keep checking your inbox — I'll send more helpful tips your way soon.

Talk soon,

[Your Name]

Quick Copy Tips

- Use **short subject lines** (under 50 characters).
 - Keep **1 link only** per ad or email.
 - **Avoid hype** — sound like a real person.
 - Refresh your ads weekly for better response.
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Part 4: Essential Free Tools

These tools help you manage your entire system — from tracking and automation to content and graphics.

Tool	Website	Function
LeadsLeap	leadsleap.com	Tracking, autoresponder, traffic exchange, mailer
SendSteed	sendsteed.com	Free autoresponder, built into LeadsLeap
Canva	canva.com	Create banners, ads, and graphics
Pixabay / Unsplash	pixabay.com / unsplash.com	Free stock images
Bitly	bitly.com	Shorten and track URLs
Google Sheets	sheets.google.com	Record stats and test results
Wealthy Affiliate	wealthyaffiliate.com	Free websites, training, and affiliate community
Affiliate Tools Now	affiliatetoolsnow.com	Daily free traffic & promotional tools

Part 5: Affiliate Tools Checklist

Before launching your system, make sure you have everything ready:

- ✓ Landing page or capture page
- ✓ Tracking links for each traffic source
- ✓ Autoresponder setup (SendSteed or LeadsLeap)
- ✓ 5+ active safelist memberships
- ✓ 3+ active traffic exchanges
- ✓ 5 email templates ready to send
- ✓ Daily/weekly tracking sheet

Once this list is complete — your entire affiliate system is ready to run automatically.

Pro Tip

Remember: your goal isn't to use *every* site or tool — it's to find the few that deliver consistent results and then **master them**.

✓ Next Step

Now that you have your full toolkit, let's put it all together with a **30-Day Daily Action Plan** — a simple roadmap you can follow step by step to start getting consistent traffic, signups, and commissions.

Bonus Section – The Secret Tools and Daily Plan for Success

💎 Hidden Gems Most Marketers Ignore

While most affiliate marketers focus only on social media or paid ads, there's a whole world of *free traffic systems* that can bring you consistent visitors — even while you sleep. These systems are simple, proven, and beginner-friendly.

Let's cover three of the most effective ones:

1. Traffic Exchanges

Traffic exchanges are websites where members view each other's pages in exchange for credits. You earn credits by viewing other sites and spend them to show your own.

They may not deliver instant sales, but they're **excellent for brand awareness, testing splash pages, and building lists**.

How to use them effectively:

- Always promote a **lead capture page**, not a direct affiliate link.
- Keep your page short and focused with one clear call-to-action (like "Get 100 Free Visitors").
- Use strong headlines and bright visuals.
- Surf daily for a few minutes to earn credits and keep your pages rotating.

✓ **Pro Tip:** Test multiple pages at once. Track which page gets more signups and keep improving.

2. Credit Mailers (Safelists)

Credit mailers are similar to traffic exchanges, but instead of websites, you're sending **emails** to thousands of other marketers.

Each member agrees to receive promotional emails in exchange for credits they can use to send their own messages.

How to use them effectively:

- Focus on **subject lines** that stand out (example: "Free Traffic Tools for Beginners").
- Keep your email short, with only **one link and one offer**.
- Send emails consistently — many allow daily or every-other-day sends.
- Always direct traffic to a **capture page** with a lead magnet (free guide, checklist, or video).



Recommended Tools:

Use established and trusted mailers like [List Joe](#), and [Mailsy](#). They have active users and solid deliverability.

Rotate your ads and track results so you know which messages bring the most signups.

3. Combining Systems for Steady Traffic

Traffic exchanges and credit mailers work best when combined.

For example:

- Use **traffic exchanges** to keep visitors flowing to your website or splash page.
- Use **credit mailers** to drive repeat visitors and build your email list.
- Use your **autoresponder** to follow up automatically with valuable tips and your affiliate links.

This creates a steady traffic cycle that runs every day — free and on autopilot once you set it up.



Daily Action Plan for Beginners

Consistency beats everything.

Here's a simple daily routine that can help you grow your affiliate business step by step.

Morning (30–60 minutes)

1. Log in to your top **traffic exchanges** and surf 20–50 sites to earn credits.
 2. Check your **email list stats** and note new subscribers or clicks.
 3. Post one helpful message or tip on **social media** or a marketing forum.
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Afternoon (1–2 hours)

1. Send a broadcast using your **credit mailers** ([List Joe](#), [Mailsy](#), etc.).
 2. Reply to any new leads or questions from subscribers.
 3. Create or tweak one splash page, ad, or email headline.
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Evening (30–60 minutes)

1. Watch one short training video or read one blog post to learn something new.
 2. Review your stats from the day — what worked best?
 3. Plan your next day's tasks in a simple notebook or planner.
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Weekly Goals

- Add **1 new piece of content** to your website or blog.

- Join **1 new traffic exchange or mailer** to test.
 - Review your best-performing ads and improve them.
 - Build or promote **1 new free offer or lead magnet**.
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Mindset for Long-Term Growth

Affiliate marketing is about steady improvement, not overnight success.

Every click, every signup, every small win adds up.

Stick to your plan, keep testing, and keep promoting — because consistency always builds results.

“Start simple. Stay focused. Keep going. That’s how you win in affiliate marketing.”

Final Chapter – Your Next Steps

You've reached the end of this guide — but your real journey is just beginning.

By now, you understand what affiliate marketing is, how it works, how to find the right products, and how to build traffic using both traditional and overlooked tools like **traffic exchanges** and **credit mailers**.

You don't need expensive software or big advertising budgets to succeed. You just need to stay consistent, apply what you've learned, and use the tools that work for *you*.

Step 1: Set Up Your Foundation

If you haven't already, make sure you have the three essentials in place:

1. **A website or landing page** – your home base online.
👉 You can start free at AffiliateToolsNow.Com where you'll find resources to get your site organized.
2. **An email list manager** – to follow up with leads automatically.
👉 Start free at SendSteed and begin building your list from day one.
3. **Affiliate programs to promote** – your offers and income sources.
👉 Discover tested tools and programs at AffiliateToolsNow.com.

These three pieces form the backbone of your affiliate business.

Step 2: Build Your Traffic Routine

Use the **Daily Plan** from the Bonus Section.

Spend a few minutes every day in traffic exchanges and credit mailers, track your clicks, and grow your subscriber list.

Each visitor is a potential customer, and every new subscriber is an opportunity to build a long-term relationship.

Step 3: Keep Learning and Testing

Affiliate marketing rewards those who keep improving.
Every week, test a new subject line, splash page, or traffic source.
Take notes, track your results, and learn from everything you do.

You don't need to reinvent the wheel — you just need to keep it turning.

Step 4: Connect and Share

Join online communities of like-minded marketers. Share what's working for you, ask questions, and help others.

You'll grow faster when you're surrounded by people who share your goals.

Step 5: Remember Why You Started

Whether you want extra income, time freedom, or a full online business, never forget your reason for starting.

Affiliate marketing can give you control over your income and your future — but it starts with the small, consistent steps you take every day.

Final Words

You now have the knowledge, tools, and plan to begin your affiliate marketing journey.

The next step is simple: **take action today**.

Create your first capture page. Send your first email. Log in to your traffic exchanges. Build your list.

It's not about being perfect — it's about showing up and improving with every effort.

“You don't have to be great to start — but you have to start to become great.”

Thank you for reading *Affiliate Marketing for Newbies*.

May this be the starting point of your own success story.

Resources Mentioned:

- AffiliateToolsNow.com – Free tools and guides
- [Mailsy](https://Mailsy.com) – Credit mailer traffic source
- [ListJoe](https://ListJoe.com) – Credit maier traffic source
- SendSteed.com – Free list manager

- [LeadsLeap](#) - Free Link Tracking and Traffic Exchange
- [WealthyAffiliate.Com](#) - Free Website and Training
- [TrafficAdBar](#) - Traffic Ad Exchange
- [EasyHits4U](#) - Traffic Ad Exchange

Keep this book close and review a chapter any time you need clarity or motivation.
The next click, email, or signup you get could be the start of something great.