



## SPI 219 How Meghan Telpner's Culinary Nutrition Academy Makes You Rethink Traditional Online Courses

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Pat: Hey, everybody, what's up? Thank you so much for joining me today in session 219 of the Smart Passive Income Podcast. I appreciate you and your time and it's definitely going to be worth it today because we have a great guest on. This is Meghan Telpner from MeghanTelpner.com, but also the Academy of Culinary Nutrition. She runs an online course, a program that runs about 14 weeks and has a 97% success rate and her students are paying top dollar to get access to her. She's going to talk all about what this course entails, how she markets it, how it was started in the first place and why it's doing so well.

> I'm not going to let you wait any longer. This is an amazing interview. I got a lot of insight out of it, too. It's making me think about what else I could do to better improve your experience here on SPI and some of the courses that I'll be coming out with, too, in the future. Here she is. This is Meghan Telpner from CulinaryNutrition.com. Here we go.

What's up everybody. I'm so happy to welcome Meghan Telpner here on the SPI Podcast. Meghan, thank you so much for coming on, welcome to the show.

Meghan: Thank you, Pat.

Pat: Just before we started recording you actually told me that you had listened to the podcast before which is awesome. You had listened to one episode in particular that helped you out quite a bit as of late. Do you mind sharing that really quick before we get into your stuff?



- Meghan: Yes, it was your interview about how reducing a third of your content can increase your traffic by 30%. We've been doing it, we've been working through 8 years of content where the first 3 are questionable at best and it's made such a fast and effective impact on traffic to my website.
- Pat: That's awesome, so you deleted or did redirects from old content or just updated old stuff?
- Meghan: All of the above, exactly, and a lot of consolidation where content was repeated that maybe didn't need to be repeated multiple times and consolidated those into much better posts.
- Pat: Awesome, so this stuff works, everybody. Gosh, you got to take action though just like Meghan does and I'm sure a lot of people are going to get inspired by Meghan's story. Why don't we just go right into it. Meghan, if somebody were to come up to you on the street or something and ask you what do you do what would you say?
- Meghan: That's one of the hardest questions I think I have to answer because I do so many things. By profession I'm a nutritionist. I've written two books, so I guess I'm an author. What I love and what I spend most of my time doing is actually running the Academy of Culinary Nutrition, which is an online culinary school where we've graduated nearly 1000 people in just over a couple of years, so I have my hands in many pots. All of it's related to living a healthy and vibrant life.
- Pat: Awesome, how did you get started with the academy?
- Meghan: The academy evolved out of the fact that 9 years ago I went to nutrition school and it was great and I learned a ton about nutrition, but still didn't know how to cook. I decided that that was what my job was going to be was I was going to teach people how to cook. First I had to learn, so I learned 60 recipes and then hosted a class teaching those 6 recipes that I created and the demand just kept growing until eventually I had 20 different classes I was teaching. People wanted to sign up for the full season of courses and so I



ordered it into something of a curriculum and tried that out. At the same time we tested out putting a few courses online as videobased programs. Those worked really well and so in 2014 we took the plunge and launched it under the Academy of Culinary Nutrition umbrella and launched our full certification program.

- Pat: Very cool, so you had a class, this was an in person class that people could attend?
- Meghan: Yeah, we taught them in my loft, the West End of Toronto. We could fit anywhere from 6 to 12 people around the table for a hands on class. I could do a 20-people demonstration style and it was amazing, but times were changing. I didn't want to be working evenings and weekends as much anymore. It was getting harder and harder to get people to physically book time to show up somewhere in person and attend an experiential class.
- Pat: How are you even getting the word out there about your classes in your loft?
- Meghan: Shameless self-promotion. I did everything from my blog which I wrote consistently every single day for 3 years to keep content fresh, to keep the SEO working. I would guest blog, I had an email list that I was growing, we worked a lot on referrals. I would do free events around the city, around the country at times and really just getting the word out that this was what we were doing. There was no one else doing it the way I was doing it and word spread and we would fill up week after week.
- Pat: That's great. Was there anything ... because it seems like what you just described, blogging and hustling and doing all the day-to-day things that any normal blogger would do. That's what a lot of us are doing and a lot of listeners are doing. It seems like something happened at some point where things just started to ... that hockey stick curve where all of a sudden things just started taking off. Was there a certain event or something you did in particular that made all that happen or was it a very gradual progress?



Meghan:

For me there was a few key milestones things. When I look back it doesn't feel it was rapid at all. I think people looking from the outside in might see it that way, but I still worked just as hard today as I did 8 years ago when I started. There were a few key things. The first was that I recognized as a nutritionist that I needed to create some product that wasn't based on my time, the whole passive revenue idea. I didn't want it to be based on consultations, I didn't want it to be on a service that really does need customized time and approach.

I created a green smoothie cleanse and this was before there were a lot of green smoothie cleanses in 2009. I offered the opportunity for people to participate for free if they would blog about it or share it in a newsletter. I had a little link at the bottom that said if you want to pay it's \$10 and you can sign up anonymously and take this little three-day challenge. It blew up, so everyone was blogging about it and then everyone was buying it. I was like, okay, I'm onto something here. Then I had to go write the program. I thought it would just be everyone would want it for free, so I'd just give them a little basic PDF. That dramatically increased the reach of my blog very quickly.

Then fast forward two years later there was an open casting call for a national television show here in Canada and I went to the audition. I was chosen as the resident nutritionist for this new television show. I lasted six months on network TV before I was ... We mutually agreed it wasn't the right fit. On my first episode my editor at my publishing house was between jobs, was home, saw me on the show, and she contacted me about a book. There was the green smoothie cleanse, there was this appearance on national TV that landed me a book deal which ended up in the second book deal.

There were these few little milestone moments along the journey, but when I look back I always thought that oh, the book is going to catapult me or the TV's going to catapult me. Most of the success has really been as a direct result of my efforts in being consistent, disciplined, and doing the work every day and really continuing to evolve based on what my community was asking.

Pat: I love that, I love that. Thank you for being open and honest about that. I agree a lot of people think that they're going to blog and one day something's going to happen where they're going to get picked up or a book's going to go viral or even a post will go viral and then everything will change from there. We see that all the time on YouTube and these 15-minute fames and then you see some of them get famous, but we don't see everybody who's working hard daily. It seems like you kept consistent and gave yourself time and these opportunities arose and you took them.

Meghan: Yeah, I think it's important to recognize that it does take that discipline and that patience and, of course, it'd be great if it happened overnight, but I'm a huge advocate. When I do the business coaching with my graduates I have the idea that slow and steady and building a really solid foundation that's going to resonate with your community and taking the time to get feedback that you can apply, so that you continue doing things better and better. I've built my business on the premise that I wanted to have control over its success. I didn't want to have to rely on a TV show or on a book to do that work for me. You can get a book deal, but unless you work really hard it's not going to sell no matter how amazing it is. Our greatest successes are going to be a direct result of our own effort.

- Pat: Ah, love that. That's a tweetable everybody, we'll put that in the show notes or something. Now you had mentioned that the academy is pretty much when you took your classes and put them online, is that right?
- Meghan: Yeah, I first tested out with single classes as single evergreen workshops. They're still there, they don't sell a ton because content gets stale after a time. The difference with the certification program was that it was offered one time a year. It was a substantial investment in time and in money. Everyone starts the program and finishes effectively on the same day. They're assigned a program coach who are all graduates of the program, so they get feedback



on all of their work. Modules are released on a week by week basis, so it's very much a class dynamic which builds a very strong community amongst our students and then continues on to our alumni as we continue to support them.

It wasn't that I just took everything I was doing and threw it on the Internet and gave it a name. It was a very thought out program and ultimately what I wanted to do was to be able to teach my students what I had learned in teaching. It's not just about the information, but how to effectively go out in the world and share this information, so that our students can then go and launch great businesses from what they learn in the 14-week program.

- Pat: I love that. That sounds a lot more than just taking videos and putting them on a membership website. Where did you get the idea to create this program and have a certification behind it and things like that?
- Meghan: I have no idea. It was one of those things that evolved and it started out just in my kitchen where we had 12 people take it the first time in person. They had to come to my kitchen twice a week, do these assignments. It was a lot of work and at the end we gave them certificates and we had a little final dinner and it was really fun. The demand was beyond what we could sustain in the kitchen and if we wanted to scale it I knew that the Internet was going to be the best way to do that. I didn't want to lose the quality of what people were getting from the in person experience. I didn't want to lose the quality in that a lot of online programs you're essentially buying a certificate and that's not what I was selling. I was selling an education and the certification needed to be earned by doing the work.

I've always felt very strongly that my brand and my name is my greatest asset, that I wanted to protect that. It wasn't about ... I could make it a lot easier, I could make it a lot cheaper, I'd probably make a lot more money doing that, but that wasn't what I wanted. I wanted people to really get an education, so we love getting certificates, we love getting those rewards for our efforts. That's



where the certificate came from. It was midway through our first online session of it that was run under the MeghanTelpner.com umbrella that we recognized the amazing work our students were doing and how hard they were working. We wanted to give them the credibility they deserved and so we built the idea of a school around what our students needed to go out in the world to say they graduated from somewhere.

- Pat: Yeah, it sounds very official, it is official, you created this thing. I think a lot of people don't realize that anybody can do this. Was there any reservations when you were creating this, like oh, maybe I'm not qualified to actually create an academy. I think this is a lot of mindset stuff, too, that comes along with creating something like this. What was going through your head when you were like I'm going to create a certificate that people are actually going to graduate with?
- Meghan: Yeah, there's a lot of reservation. There's a lot of fear around asserting yourself as an authority. I've always used my fear as the gut check to be like if I'm not afraid I'm not extending far enough and to figure out what I'm actually afraid of. With this I felt I put in my time teaching in person for 6 years and I could see what people were taking from what they were learning into their own life and so I was okay with that. We do get emails that are like who are you to be doing this.

Ultimately, we're teaching people about food. We're not teaching them how to cure incurable diseases necessarily though that could potentially happen, that's what happened with me. There hasn't been that authority that has ever raised concern and there isn't a need to either. What I tell my students, I am a certified nutritionist, but I've dropped all the initials from my name. It's easy to go and collect certificates and collect all these things, but if you're not awesome and you're not effective and you're not good at what you do no amount of initials is going to make a difference.

Pat: Yeah, no, you're absolutely right and I think I have to ask a question that the audience is thinking because you just passed over it. You



had mentioned curing incurable diseases and that's something you went through. I'm curious, too. Can you tell us a little bit about what that all entails.

Meghan: Yeah, so my background is in advertising. That was my first career. I worked for a bunch of ad agencies in digital in 2004 when we talked about campaigns like could we send an ad to someone by SMS, that's where it was in 2004. I developed serious health issues that after 3 years I was diagnosed with Crohn's disease which is an autoimmune inflammatory bowel disease commonly believed to be completely incurable. I couldn't go to work. I had to take a leave of absence because I was so sick and that was when I dove into the field of nutrition to try to figure out could I fix this and I did.

> I can't really use the word cure because there is no "cure," but I did heal from it and so I'm going on my tenth year 100% symptom free from a disease I was told I would be living with my whole life. That was ultimately what drove me to get into nutrition to start this business and really start the school to empower other people that we can take ownership over our health and we can make a difference, all we need is the knowledge. The more people sharing knowledge that can positively influence people's lives the healthier we all are.

- Pat: I love that and I thank you for sharing that. Meghan I think is a great example of how when we try to serve others and do great things in this world great things happen to us. Obviously your business is doing really well. Can you give us an idea, any numbers or how many students have you had that have gone through your program, anything to give us an idea of how well it's doing?
- Meghan: Yeah, so as of December when we graduated our last class, we graduated about 800 students in 32 countries.

Pat: Wow.

Meghan: With our current registration that opened the end of March we're up to 36 countries and last year we broke the 7-figure mark.



Pat: Wow. Congratulations, Meghan. That's great.

Meghan: Thank you.

- Pat: Can you walk through us because you said that this enrollment happens once a year and that's fairly common to have things open and close, but I would love to know how you promote the next course or the next enrollment period. What's going on marketingwise, what's going on for you and your team to prep into really maximizing the amount of people who go through the next enrollment period?
- Meghan: Great questions. We take a bit of a different approach than a lot of online programs in that our goal isn't to have as many people as possible. We cap the enrollment to ensure that we actually have a really incredible experience for all of our students and that we can support everyone, so that they leave ... We have a 97% completion rate which is very high for an online course.
- Pat: That's awesome.
- Meghan: First and foremost, we're not out there with massive Facebook campaigns and massive webinars that are really there to really get people to sign up. I have webinars, they're info sessions just about the program and we don't pretend that they're anything else. We do a few key events leading up from ... We launch the end of March and we close early September just before we start and so we're playing the long game. We want to ensure that our students are in the program because it's really what they want, not because they were manipulated or felt they were going to miss out on something. We want them there because they really want to be there.

We hold info sessions once or twice a month that I host, they're always live and there's a Q&A after. I go through the entire program completely transparently, not pretending it's anything that it's not. My focus is always to underpromise and overdeliver, so that we tell them exactly what they're going to get and then I aim to go above and beyond all the time. We do a couple of virtual open houses. We



have one in July and one in August where students can come in and actually get samples of the different classes, so they can see my teaching style, if they like me, if they find me annoying that's going to be a problem for them. Just see how I teach and how I teach using food and what we're cooking and get an idea of that.

We have an online conference. It's a free conference, a bit like a summit except we run it as a one-day live event. Effectively every hour on the hour we release a new interview, so everyone participates live. We have a lot of people who will take the day off work like as if it's a real conference, a real live conference. It is a real conference. We do that and that brings in a lot of new people. Then we have a few purchase incentives where we have a couple of bonuses early on. We have a five-month payment plan that ends after our conference, so there's an incentive there. We have a threemonth payment plan that ends after an open house.

We build in those time-sensitive purchase incentives that will get people to act only because it's a nightmare for us when we get the majority of our enrollment at the end of August and early September which does happen. We mail out packages, we mail out a welcome package that includes books and a t-shirt and so the earlier we can get people in the easier it is for us to do it. Then shortly before it starts we actually raise the price. We never have a discount, we don't offer coupons, but we do raise the price as we get closer.

- Pat: Got it, got it. Thank you for that. Then as a student what is the progress like? How many months is it? How often am I meeting with you?
- Meghan: The program is 14 weeks start to finish and it starts with an orientation. We actually do an advance orientation that's a tech boot camp, so we help everyone figure out their way around online, the way around our portal. When they actually start they don't have that stress. Then there's a float of the week where Fridays they get their new module release. Mondays they have a call with their program coach, so if they have any questions on any of the assignments they



can connect directly with their program coach. Wednesdays they have cooking assignments due, Thursdays is a live Q&A session with me and Fridays they have their written assignments due.

There's that flow to each week and that's how they go through the program. We typically say it takes anywhere from 12 to 16 hours a week of time. The more organized you are the quicker it is. The faster you wash dishes the quicker it is. We often find the students that complain the most throughout the workload are the ones who are on Facebook the most complaining about the workload.

Pat: I'm not surprised.

Meghan: We've had students ... I keep hearing these stories. We had a student, incredible name, Michaela, who is a single mother of two living in the bush of Australia without Internet. She would drive until she could tether her phone to her computer to submit her assignments. She'd watch all the modules at the local library and she got the program done with honors. We had a student I found out last year who did the program while traveling, did all the cooking assignments in her hotel room with a food processor and a toaster oven. We hear these stories of what people can accomplish.

What's really amazing about this and I know that a lot of your listeners are running their own businesses and they've probably experienced this, but when you challenge yourself at that level you gain a new understanding of what you're capable of. That just inspires you to create more and take bigger leaps each time which is one of the greatest evolutions we see in our community as they go through this.

- Pat: I love that. Is there any interaction that the community members can have with each other and if so how are they doing that?
- Meghan: Yeah, so we have a private Facebook group and we toyed with a few different ways. Did we want our own private chat room, did we want to transition to Slack? We looked at all these different things and at the end of the day people are on Facebook, they're on it



a lot. My biggest concern when we took the program online was that it would lose that community aspect. There's nothing quite like sitting down to a table of beautiful food you prepared together and eating together. What we found through the Facebook group is that there's even more connection, that people are there a lot more whereas in person we'd eat and everyone would go home.

Here they're constantly in contact and we have pockets of students around the world now, so we have students in Mexico who meet up with each other, in the Dominican Republic. In Bermuda there's a group of students, in Philadelphia, in California, here in Toronto. Our students start coordinating their own meet ups and their own little events, they started a book club. Our students have led the way in the community. I'm very active in the Facebook group. Whenever I go anywhere whether it's for business or for personal travel I do my best to meet up with students whether I'm in Boulder, Colorado or I'm in Los Angeles. I love being part of this community, so I try and participate as much as I can as well.

Pat: That's great, I love that. That's one of the things I do, too. When I travel I try to meet with my community as much as possible. There's nothing more amazing than getting everybody together in person. You're right, Facebook is a great place to house your community and get everybody talking and interacting. That's one of the big debates that a lot of people who have online programs have which is where do I put my community. Sometimes it's on your own stuff or sometimes it's on Facebook. I think you're right, Facebook is definitely the place to go and it's easy to set up of course.

One of the questions I had, you had mentioned a 97% success rate which is amazing and again congratulations to you. This is something that people obviously are taking action on, they're getting the courses, they're taking it, they're doing the assignments and that sort of thing. In the space that I'm in and more of the online information product-type space people who have courses they don't see not even anywhere near that success rate. What are you doing to help your community, your customers, your students actually take action and fulfill their duties as students there to



actually see those results?

- Meghan: Yeah, so I think a part of it goes back to our sales strategy which is again not to bring in massive amounts of people and bring in massive amounts of money. It's to bring in people who really want to be there, that know exactly what they're signing up for and what to expect. Another key thing it is a big investment, so the more you spend often the more you value something.
- Pat: Totally, totally.
- Meghan: We also have our program coaches and they work with students groups of 15 to 20, so they're small subclasses within the larger group. We try and pair people with coaches who are in at least their time zone if not their city. They're handing their assignments in to the same person twice a week, getting feedback from the same person. If they miss something in an assignment they don't automatically fail. The coach works with them to figure out why was this missed and how do we make it work or we have very strict deadlines. If you miss deadlines consistently you don't get the certificate, but you also have your coach say can we set something up. Should we create a new schedule for you, so that you can succeed?

Our coaches are trained and they have the authority to make these decisions with their students, so that we can help our students to succeed and help them overcome the barriers. We know the flows now, we know the weeks where the students are going to be a little bit freaked out and be like oh, my god, this is so much work. We also know what happens at the end when they have their teaching experience and they're high as a kite over getting to inspire their friends and family and get to put everything they worked for into practice in the kitchen.

I think that the success rate is two-part. It's that we're bringing in people who really want to be there and then we're working really hard to keep them happy and to help them succeed as much as we can. We're not trying to trick them. There's no pop quizzes, they



get all their assignments, all of the recipe assignments, everything the day they begin. We actually give them a calendar, so they can actually import that calendar to Google or iCal, whatever they're using. They know exactly when the deadlines are for the entire 14week program.

- Pat: That's great, that's great. One of the big differences I think here is that you guys actually care about the success rate of your students. A lot of people and I'm not mentioning any names in particular, but a lot of people who have online courses it's kind of just they create the course and then it's boom, that's it, good luck. I've done my part, now it's your turn to do your part. You have coaches and you have people holding people accountable and, of course, the price point ... You're absolutely right, that when people part with that much money they're going to mostly want to actually get what they got out of it in terms of what they paid. How much is the academy to take part?
- Meghan: Yeah, so there's four levels. The honorary level which is auditing it is \$1890 and that basically means you don't actually have a coach, you just get all of the course material and it's for personal interest. The certified level is \$2499 and that's where you're actually doing the work, handing it in.
- Pat: You're talking \$2499?

Meghan: Yes.

Pat: Okay.

- Meghan: Yes, and then we have a certified professional level that's \$2950 where they get a 4-week business component at the end of it and so that's an optional component for people who really want to get the business teachings from it. The top level's \$3690. It always sells out first and that includes one-on-one coaching with me.
- Pat: I love that and then the coaches ... This is an interesting component that a lot of people don't do as well. How are they integrated into



the course in terms of are they partners of the program or do they get paid or like your employees. How does that all work?

- Meghan: Yeah, so the administrative side of it is that they're on contract for the duration of the program and they get paid per student that they work with. If a student drops out before the halfway mark the coach will lose that payment for the student.
- Pat: Ah, incentive for them to make sure they do their stuff.
- Meghan: It's incentive and we actually have fired ... I've only had to fire one student who was just rude and there's no tolerance for treating anyone on the team badly. We often see it where they'll speak to their coach one way and when I email them it's a totally different tone.
- Pat: Oh, I see.
- Meghan: I don't have tolerance for that. We have asked a student to leave, given them a full refund, bid them farewell. Yeah, typically we do incentivize our coaches to work with the students to help them to get through the program. All of our coaches are graduates of the program and when we go to hire for the next year we give precedent to or preference to the coaches that have been with us, so they get to choose if they want to come back or not and all of our coaches get great ratings. Our graduates have to actually rate their coach. If they get bad feedback then we probably wouldn't ask them back, but that hasn't happened yet. All of our coaches who want to come back are welcome back and then each year we add a few more as we grow how many students we accommodate each time. That's how that works, so they invoice me as contractors and yeah.
- Pat: I love that. That's great. Then one of the final questions I have, Meghan, before I finish up here. Again thank you so much for your time. This has been really enlightening and inspirational actually. The technology, I think this is another thing that people who are hearing this are like yes, this'll be great to do something similar in



my niche, but the technology scares the crap out of them. How did you learn the technology and what programs or tools are you using to help you?

Meghan: Yes, good question. That is actually literally the million dollar question. I tried everything and I learned it like most entrepreneurs learn it because you have to learn it, so my first website was a WordPress site. My first e-commerce was I think WordPress with PayPal and then it went to LemonStand and there was a text pattern in there. It's been all over the show. We're now dealing with a custom WordPress and we looked at so many course management systems. It was really hard to find exactly what we needed with one checkout, one login, where people could ... We use the same system on MeghanTelpner.com where there's multiple courses, so we wanted them to have a dashboard where they could see everything they purchased.

> As we made our wish list we realized we were going to have to go custom. What we did originally, the first time we ran the program online is we used a WooCommerce plug-in called Sensei which is a very basic online learning plug-in basically. The challenge we had was how customized I wanted it. What pages would have quizzes and what pages would have videos and so we customized and customized and customized until it was literally being held together by a thread which terrifies ... If your entire revenue is based on online programs and it's held together by a frayed thread it's terrifying. Finally, we had the time and the budget. The business is completely self-funded, so we just built things as we could afford to and we just today actually had the first preview of our custom LMS system which is incredible.

Pat: Oh, nice.

Meghan: I'm very excited, so it was finding a really amazing developer who understood what I wanted and working with a designer and really getting that built. I think one of the biggest challenges with people who are running online courses is that we want to find developers, we want to find team members who are going to do the strategy



for us, who are going to figure out the logic and the flow. Of all the businesses I know of that are really succeeding it's coming from the person running the business who has that vision.

It takes time to do the clarity work and figure out what the flow is going to be and how different users are going to access it. It takes time and I think using a readymade system was amazing for the first few years because it helped me to really clarify what I needed this to do and how I could allow it to grow, so that not just when we have 100 students in a program, but when we have 300 or when we have 500 or we have 1000 in at one time if we ever choose to do that which might be a monkey show.

I think that's a really important thing to be clear on is knowing what functionality you actually need. I get asked all the time by students what do you recommend for courses, but I always turn the question around to be like what do you need it to do. That will be a big part and then writing up my wish list and finding whether it's a developer, or working with an existing platform that checks enough of the boxes that you have for what you need it to do.

- Pat: When you started out and you started using Sensei were you doing that work or had you had somebody else help you with that?
- Meghan: No, I was not doing that work. I know how to use it. I had someone join me back in 2011 as a full-time everything assistant. Her keen interest ... Her name is Maebh, her keen interest was in developing her coding, HTML, doing more of the backend stuff, so she transitioned to that and then we work with a backend developer. Together they took over that component, so I could focus on my strength which was really content and marketing.
- Pat: Yeah, good for you. Meghan, awesome. I love hearing about your journey and I'm so excited to see what's coming next. I don't see it slowing down any time soon, so congratulations to you, kudos to you and your community and your team and everything you have going on. If people want to learn more about you where can they go?



- Meghan: To learn more about me I'm at MeghanTelpner.com and I'm @MeghanTelpner across social media and my school is CulinaryNutrition.com and it's @AcademyCN on Twitter, Culinary Nutrition on Instagram, so that's where I'm at. I have to thank you, Pat, for what you do with your show and the guests you bring on. I know that I've been influenced by what I've learned through your show and I'm sure that there's millions of others that have as well.
- Pat: Thank you so much, Meghan. For everybody else out there that's M-e-g-h-a-n T-e-l-p-n-e-r, but again go to the show notes, all those links and everything Meghan just mentioned will be there. Meghan, this was a fantastic episode. Thank you so much for your time today. We appreciate you and we look forward to hearing more from you soon.

## Meghan: Thanks, Pat.

Pat: Thank you. All right, I hope you enjoyed that interview with Meghan Telpner. Again she is at MeghanTelpner.com or CulinaryNutrition. com. Meghan is spelled M-e-g-h-a-n and all the links and the notes are available at SmartPassiveIncome.com/session219. That's where the show notes are located as always, SmartPassiveIncome.com/ session219. Meghan, I know you listen to the show every once in a while. Thank you for coming on as a guest. I love featuring people who listen to the show. If you have a success story that you want to share make sure you email me, use the contact form on SmartPassiveIncome.com. I'm collecting those and I'm reaching out to people every once in a while to get those and so thank you for that and thank you again, Meghan.

> Before I go I just want to thank you all for supporting my new book, Will it Fly?. I guess it's not so new because it's a few months old now, but it's still selling and it's still doing really well. One thing that is surprising to me is just how well the audiobook is actually performing in terms of sales. It's outperforming the Kindle book and the physical book combined. That makes sense because I have a lot of listeners here are on the podcast. If you want to check it out and join the other listeners who have also picked up Will it Fly? go



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Again that's SmartPassiveIncome.com/WillitFLyaudio. Thank you, I appreciate you and I look forward to next week's episode. I really am looking forward to next week's episode because next week we interview the cofounder of the Make-a-Wish Foundation. It is an interview that literally made me cry, it made me laugh, it made me smile and I think you're going to enjoy it, too. I look forward to seeing you then and till then keep moving forward, keep pushing the needle. Do whatever it takes to make progress and serve others because that's how you will find success. Cheers, take care, and I'll see you in the next episode. Bye.



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