

## **EVALUATING MARKET OPPORTUNITIES**

- 1. Table selection is the most important decision you can make
- 2. It's okay to switch tables if you discover it's too hard to win at your table
- 3. If there are too many competitors (some irrational or inexperienced), even if you're the best it's a lot harder to win.

#### MARKETING AND BRANDING

- 4. Act weak when strong, act strong when weak. Know when to bluff.
- 5. Your "brand" is important.
- 6. Help shape the stories that people are telling about you.

# FINANCIALS

- 7. The guy who wins the most hands is not the guy who makes the most money in the long run
- 8. The guy who never loses a hand is not the guy who makes the most money in the long run
- 9. Go for positive expected value, not what's least risky
- 10. Remember it's a long term game. You will win or lose individual sessions, but it's what happens in the long term that matters

#### STRATEGY

- 11. Don't play games that you don't understand, even if you see lots of other people making money from them
- 12. Figure out the game when the stakes aren't high
- 13. Don't cheat. Cheaters never win in the long run
- 14. Stick to your principles
- 15. You need to adjust your style of play throughout the night as the dynamics of the game change. Be flexible.

- 16. Be patient and think long term
- 17. The players with the most stamina and focus usually win
- 18. Differentiate yourself. Do the opposite of what the rest of the table is doing
- 19. Hope is not a good plan. Belief is.

## **CONTINUAL LEARNING**

- 20. Educate yourself. Read books and learn from others who have done it before
- 21. Learn by doing. Theory is nice, but nothing replaces actual experience
- 22. Learn by surrounding yourself with talented players
- 23. Just because you win a hand doesn't mean you're good and you don't have more learning to do. You might have just gotten lucky
- 24. Don't be afraid to ask for advice.

## **CULTURE**

- 25. You've gotta love the game. To become really good, you need to live it and sleep it
- 26. Don't be cocky. Don't be flashy. There's always someone better than you
- 27. Be nice and make friends. It's a small community
- 28. Share what you've learned with others
- 29. Look for opportunities beyond just the game you sat down to play. You never know who you're going to meet, including new friends for life or new business contacts.
- 30. Have fun. The game is a lot more enjoyable when you're trying to do more than just make money

To Your Success, Ronald