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**Movie Celebrities**

Who can be known by millions but truly known by no one? Who could talk for an entire or even legendary career yet be shy in privacy of his or her home? Does that make any sense to you?

Who could seem happy for twelve or more hours a day, but actually be desperately depressed on the inside? Do you give up yet? The answer is movie celebrities.

Movie celebrities may make huge sums of money, but only for a price. Actors may work twelve or more hours a day when making blockbuster movies. After that, movie stars and producers have to diligently try to make their new show or movie attractive and marketable to hoards cinema fans. On top of that, some celebrities may never truly get a vacation; fans, photographers, and journalists always approach or antagonize celebrities for pictures, autographs, or interviews. It seems they are always somewhere and involved in something.

Being a movie celebrity may require many grueling hours of work, yet consider this: a movie star may make five to ten million dollars for just one movie! Not too bad, huh? Then, they could make another new movie that could make millions of additional dollars. If a star is involved in a succession of movies that all do well, that celebrity could demand lucrative contracts for every movie he or she is involved in. That all adds up to an avalanche of cash in a hurry.

Sometimes, movie celebrities are very young. They have lots of money to blow, and lots of very extravagant and expensive things that they can buy. Sometimes people try to be friends with movie celebrities just for the money. Sometimes, these supposed “friends” can introduce destructive things like drugs to celebrities. Since movie celebrities typically are rich, they can afford harmful things like drugs. Then, the celebrities might buy a lot of such devices. Later, the celebrities might go party, do drugs, then they may drive or somehow get out of control, and a whole lot of trouble could come along. These things happen all too often, unfortunately, to young celebrities.

Sadly, young celebrities sometimes do not know how to handle stardom and die due to the trouble they get in. However, if celebrities can “outlive” their youth and learn from it, they can find happiness and a greater purpose for their lives. Older movie celebrities are often esteemed, or respected, by others in Hollywood and the world. Using that, older celebrities may become involved in positive causes to improve the world. They might rally people to give to others in need in this country or in another country. They might even run for political office.

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