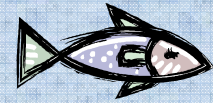


"Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day; teach a man to fish and he will eat for a lifetime."



Catch of the Day



Learn To Fish the vast ocean of computer know-how!

So You Want to Be a Photographer...

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This past Labor Day weekend, I got to attend a photography workshop in Portland, Maine led by German photographer [Chris Marquardt](#). Although our focus was portrait and studio photography, I took home several tips on how anyone can learn to take better pictures in any context.

Learn from others. I love being in a class with other people, because everyone has much to contribute to the learning process. The things I learned from the other students during the photo workshop completely changed the way I use my camera. So if you really want to improve your photography skills, find others who have the same desire and learn together.

Be prepared to do weird things. Being a good photographer means going "above and beyond" do to get the shot you want. Taking interesting pictures of kids and animals may mean rolling on the floor at their level. I took a portrait recently and climbed a six-foot ladder to take a shot of the subject from above. To create pictures that are extraordinary, be ready to do things that are not quite ordinary!

Practice. There is simply no substitute for practice for developing any skill. You don't need to wait for a special occasion to take pictures -- just grab your camera and click away at things. Change your camera settings to learn which options do what. That way, you'll be prepared to take great shots when that big event does come around.

If you would like to see my photos from the workshop, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/thekeit> and look for the "TFTTF" set.

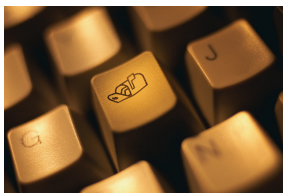


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Increase efficiency with keyboard shortcuts!

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- Windows Vista users: Holding the **Windows logo key** while pressing the **Tab** key allows you to visually cycle through currently open windows using Vista's Flip 3-D feature.
- Mac users: What's on your Dashboard? Press **F12** for instant access to your Dashboard widgets for weather, stocks, and more.

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