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WITH YOUR CELL PHONE**

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# Passive Income with Your Cell Phone

Anyone can watch a couple of videos on YouTube and think it is a simple matter of plugging a few phones into the wall and sitting back to collect money with a couple of free apps they have installed.

And there are lots of people who try to do just that.

How many phones will you be using? How many can you afford? What's your wifi situation?

Electricity and internet costs will not only eat into your profit, but you may also be losing money in the end. Even after the investment of your time and money into a growing cell phone collection. Because of this college dorms and apartment complexes with free wifi included in rent are your best option for starting a phone farm. Some of these living situations may even include electricity as well. If you're lucky.

How I got started making money with my cell phone, oddly enough, was from a dream.

In the dream I was timing gambling apps on my cell phone, waiting for the best opportunities for cash, and then receiving those payments via Paypal.

Of course, I was having money troubles at the time and simultaneously wasn't in the best position to get a job. I was homeless and living out of my backpack in Las Vegas, Nevada. But the idea intrigued me and I wondered if it was at all possible to make money from your smartphone. Despite having a bottom of the line Tracfone with only a few prepaid minutes and almost no data plan I found myself a wifi hotspot and started researching the possibility of making a decent income using only my phone and someone else's wifi.

Was it really possible to make passive income with your cell phone?

## Realistic Expectations

Passive income with a cheap cell phone seemed like an impossible dream. If it were possible everyone would be doing it, right?

My fantasy of pharming, what I called working a cell phone farm, was that of a Magic Bank. Imagine a bank where you give them \$10 to hold at the beginning of the month, then at the end of the month, they come back and put \$30 in your hand. Fantastic. But then they keep doing this every month, for the foreseeable future.

The \$10 is the initial investment in a cheap cell phone. The money generated by that cell phone is the return on your investment, which hopefully will be paid off in the first month of dedicated use. I say hopefully because it will depend on the apps you choose, your access to wifi, and the amount of time you dedicate.

What I have found though, by sifting through and trying out every bogus app that's out there, is that most apps that claim to earn you a decent income take up far too much of your time or have far too many hurdles to retrieving your earned rewards. However, there are a few

ways to put some bank in your digital pocket. It's just not the kind of money that makes you rich in a few short months.

But first, you need some phones.

Getting your pharm phones can be both very easy or an unwanted, upfront outlay of cash that you may not be willing to part with. There are basically three ways to get the phones you will need to start your pharm, old phones of your own or friends, buying them used on eBay, or buying new phones.

Old phones, either your own or from friends and family is a good place to start as the upfront cost can be minimal. Of course, this will depend on the quality of your friends and family.

Buying used phones on eBay usually means looking for ones with cracked screens but which still work.

Buying brand new phones may sound like a huge outlay of cash, but they can be relatively cheap if you shop around. You aren't looking for a top of the line phone, just something which allows you to get online and add apps from the app store.

I am usually able to find Tracfones for as little as \$10 in Fred Meyer or occasionally even Wal-Mart. In fact, the first phone that I started using to make a little side cash and to test out the waters was a prepaid Tracfone that I had while I was homeless, and which I had paid \$16 for at Wal-Mart on clearance. It was a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles movie tie-in phone that had its price reduced to get the unwanted stock out the door.

But hey, it was a phone.

I was also lucky enough to be staying in a place where electricity and wifi were included in the rent. Which is the same for the last three places that I had stayed for an extended period of time. So finding a similar situation is not impossible.

Reducing the wear and tear on your phone is something to consider. And though it may be free, excessive use of bandwidth in certain areas will get you blocked or shut down if you reach a certain cap.

Your phones will most likely be tethered, i.e. plugged in 24/7 and many people argue that it costs more in electricity than you earn. Where I live electricity is included in the rent, along with wifi, so I have the perfect opportunity to pharm. Even if you are not as lucky, phones don't consume much power.

People also say that you will damage the battery keeping it plugged in 24/7, but honestly who cares? How I look at it is that as long as the phone lasts long enough to make twice what it cost then I'm good to go. Anything extra is cake.

Of course, you can reduce the wear and tear on the phone, as well as energy consumption by changing a few settings. For instance, lower the contrast, shut off GPS unless you are using it specifically for an app that requires it, i.e. Qriket, lower the volume, turn on airplane mode, and adjust the bandwidth on apps that allow it for video streaming.

When setting up your pharm, whether it is only one or two phones, or you have twenty dedicated devices all running money-making apps, the devil is in the details.

Terms of Service for each app will change, some will need both email and phone number verification, some will limit the amount of money you can make, and each one will vary in how long you can let it run before having to check-in and confirm that you are still a human being watching the ads.

These will be different for your area, both inside and outside of the United States, and they can be different for each model and type of smartphone that you end up deciding to run.

Just be aware that changes to the Terms of Service happen often, and failure to comply, if you are caught, will get you banned.

There are basically three categories of apps that you can run to make money. They are Gambling Apps, Receipt Apps, and Video Advertising Apps. Of course, there are other Apps that do not fit easily into the above categories, such as screen lock advertisers, but they'll be included below for you to decide which category they may fall into.

I personally use Satoshi Faucet Apps which do not seem to be popular but which I will cover as I expect the value of bitcoin to grow over time.

You'll also notice that I do not include any survey or polling apps like i-Say or InBoxDollars. While I have tried them, surveys seemed too long, when you can get them, and payouts may take some time.

Likewise, Swagbucks. It's not really worth your time if you are trying to make real money. Great as a side thing though where you can earn an extra \$5 or maybe \$10 a month on an Amazon gift card just by doing what you normally do. But for my situation and the effort required it didn't fit well into my pharming routine.

Qriket is a daily app that gives you spins on a wheel if you watch video ads. With each spin you can choose either yellow or blue, or argue about the colors like some people do, claiming it's gold and not yellow. Supposedly you have a 50/50 chance of winning a cash prize, usually .05 or .10 but it can sometimes as much as .25, .50, \$1.00 or even \$100.

Supposedly, because it isn't actually 50/50, I'm pretty sure that the app determines the win/loss ratio based on how many people are online and how much ad revenue they are making at the moment. I have found that I have a better win/loss ratio later in the night on the west coast of the United States vs. earlier in the day when more people are potentially online. And I know of at least one person who uses their spins to "test the waters" as they say before committing to using all of their spins at the same time.

Annoying Qriket Fact: They readjust the volume for every ad.

That and it is CAD, not USD, and they don't pay out until you reach \$25, and even then with the currency conversion and Paypal fees, you will end up losing some of that.

This app also requires GPS to be turned on as it was mostly intended to engage local advertising revenue in the beginning, though you will be hard-pressed to find any local offers anywhere near where you may be in the United States.

This app also requires a phone number to text in order to set up your account, which means if you haven't activated your phone then this app won't work.

With this app though, you can make \$3 to \$5 a month realistically, maybe as much as \$8 to \$45 if you get really lucky. Some people say that it is gambling, and to a certain extent, it is, however, I have never seen Qriket payout less than .10 daily.

The good thing about this app is that I can usually start the ads and switch to another phone to get other things going at the same time. That and you only really have to check it once a day.

About the videos they make you watch for more spins. The first one is the day's intro, videos two through five, and sometimes six may be the same advertisement, but Qriket seems to be better than most in shoving the same advert down your throat. Video seven is a follow us on social media ad, eight is winner compilations from Snapchat, nine is an ad for the Qriket Store.

The winner compilations, where people getting excited about winning \$1, or \$.50, ugh. Every time I have to watch one of these videos it makes me want to quit using the app. And it's a personal problem, I get it. I get flashbacks of animals in the circus dancing for treats while in the spotlight and left in the cold after the crowds have gone.

\$.10 to \$.15 seems to be the daily average income from this app. Which doesn't sound like much but that's \$3 a month, or a third of the price you hopefully paid for your cheap cell phone. If you had only two more apps that paid just as well you'd pay off your phone in the first month.

There are other gambling apps that give you free spins, free drawing entries or free scratch tickets every day, and sometimes more if you watch extra videos or download apps. Lucktastic and Live to Win are two, but rewards take time to build up and I haven't yet received a payout from them to be able to say that they are definite money makers.

Receipt Apps are applications for your smartphone that allow you to scan receipts of things that you have purchased and for which they will give you a certain amount of money back.

I know, you're thinking that "If I'm spending money then I'm not really making money."

And that is true for an app like Wal-Mart's Savings Catcher. However Receipt Hog and Ibota are looking for marketing information and will pay you for that info, and the receipts can often be used across a couple of apps.

And who says that they have to be your receipts?

For that reason, the Walmart App is one of my favorites.

The Savings Catcher section of the app allows you to take a picture of the barcode at the bottom of a receipt, or in the case of a cheap smartphone that won't scan QR codes, you can enter the receipt number manually.

You can enter up to seven receipts per week, with a \$599.99 max payout. Whether this is per phone or per account, as in a single name or address to which the payment is sent, is unclear.

In order to make \$50 a month, which works out to the \$600 a year, you'd have to scan a lot of receipts. While you can gather quite a few keeping your eyes open in the parking lot or looking through trash, another way might be to simply ask people for their receipts as they walk out of the store. If they are hesitant to give you the receipt you could simply scan it there and

then and let them walk away. The majority of people I tried this with were highly suspicious as if I was somehow able to steal their life savings by taking a picture of their Wal-Mart receipt, but that may just be the area of the country where I was living at the time.

Receipt Hog and Ibota are two other receipt apps that allow you to scan receipts and get money back. I haven't tried them as my cheap phones don't have good enough cameras, but they allow you to use more than just Wal-Mart receipts, and you can use the same receipt across both apps.

Bitcoin Apps and Faucets, like BitMaker and FreeBitcoin, which is not to be confused with Free Bitcoin, another option with a similar name, are something I find fascinating. Bitcoin itself is an interesting idea, but a lot of people won't like this section because it can be construed as a lot of work for no immediate results.

Also, faucets are not bitcoin mining as some people mistakenly believe, and mining is not farming, only because it is not possible to mine bitcoins using cell phones. If it were possible I would do nothing else but have dozens of phones dedicated to mining bitcoin.

The fact is that Bitcoins can easily be converted into any other currency. Making them, i.e., satoasis, a tiny fraction of a bitcoin, with a smartphone isn't the best option. You'd be better off using other apps to generate Paypal income which you could then use to buy Bitcoins and hold those for the price increase.

I don't count Bitcoins or Satoasis towards a phone's income. Granted you could say that any phone could easily make 75,000 to 100,000 Satoasis a week if you paid enough attention. That's 28 weeks or less to pay off the phone, (At the current BTC to USD) if that's how you want to look at it.

BTC is an investment, and the trickle of Satoasis that a cheap smartphone could earn would in no way be enough to make much of a difference. But... tucked away in a wallet hopefully the price of a Bitcoin, and therefore the hundreds of thousands of Satoasis I've managed to snag, will double, or triple, or even better, dare I dream, hit \$10,000 USD?

Somewhere far off in the future when I have all but forgotten about that little old wallet of Satoasis I built up in my spare time...

Some faucets do bonuses for coming back daily or claiming satoasis so many times in a single day, and there is a passive bitcoin mining app, but the amount it generates is questionable. It is most likely a faucet disguised as a mining app.

But what about apps that can potentially make money even if you do not have regular use of wifi?

The Wal-Mart app is probably your best option, followed by Qriket which you can do once a day from any fast food restaurant which has free wifi. You won't get rich, but you'll pay off your cell phone expense and eventually be able to earn enough to get a second phone.

There is also what I call the Walmart trifecta, which includes the Walmart app, Field Agent, and Viggle. This allows you to make money three different ways just from visiting a Walmart. Using Field Agent to do marketing jobs in-store while Viggle, which offers payments for watching TV such as sporting events, can be used in the television section to verify that you are



watching a certain channel at a certain time. These work great as most Walmarts now seem to have free wifi for customers.

ReceiptHog is another option if it will run on your phone. You always come across discarded receipts if you keep your eyes open, and these can be saved for when you have internet access.

Qriket, as I mentioned, or Lucktastic, or any other gambling app that you can get through while on brief wifi will supplement your income, but something like Video Advertising Apps will be out of your reach.

Video Advertising Apps require dedicated wifi and for your cell phone, or preferably multiple cell phones, to be plugged into the wall. This is where real pharming happens, and is what most people think of when they envision a cell phone farm.

The top three video advertising apps are Perk TV, Checkpoints, and App Trailers.

Perk TV being the easiest to use and earn rewards, if your cheap phone will run it, Checkpoints, which even if you could run it only an hour a day, for 30 days straight, would be worth the effort, and App Trailers, something I only recently started exploring and on which I need to run more tests.

These will be discussed in more detail later, although they are fairly self-explanatory once you have installed and used them for a while. Any specifics I could give you could change by the time this booklet has been read.

Something that doesn't fall into the following categories are apps that monetize your lock screen. I use Slidejoy on all my phones but there are others to choose from.

What they do is show you an advertisement whenever you open up your phone. You'll either slide or swipe one way to bypass the ad or the other way to learn more. Either way, you earn points.

Slidejoy income is at least \$2 a month per phone for simply accessing my dedicated pharm phones. A little less on my regular phone that isn't always hooked up to wifi.

Slidejoy can be kind of a pain in the ass when using on your regular phone, as most people already have a lock screen set up which requires you to enter a password. That means that to access your regular phone you would first have to let an ad load, then swipe past that, then enter your password to finally access the phone.

Using my regular phone, before I started pharming, I slowly built up enough points to cash out a \$2 Amazon Gift Card over two months. But with my dedicated pharm phones, I make that each and every month.

Finding a system for how much time you want to dedicate to working with your phones is a huge part of pharming. This will change with the apps you choose, where you live, and updates to their terms of service.

None of this is set in stone, nor is an income guaranteed.

But hey, you bought, or found, your first dedicated pharm phone! Congratulations!

Now you don't have to limit yourself to low-income expectations using your regular phone on a part-time basis.

Hopefully, you have a place where you have access to free wifi and electricity.

But what exactly do you do with a dedicated pharm?

Perk TV would be my first choice, Qriket second, as long as you have a phone number for the phone to register. If not, skip Qriket. Just go with Perk TV.

I personally like the satoshi apps, much more when they were paying better because I believe the price of Bitcoin is going up and holding these satoshis is more of an investment.

Once your pharm grows beyond a single dedicated pharm phone, and now that Perk TV no longer specifies that only five devices can be used, (in fact their TOS is pretty vague) you can set them all out on a desk to get them started, one right after another.

In the morning upon waking up, often before I even get out of bed Slidejoy is the first money-making app that I will see. It is always on my dedicated pharm phones and is activated on my regular phone when I am in the house using wifi.

First I will hit the satoshi faucet apps that are the quickest and reload every half hour. That gets their countdown timers going so that even if I have other plans for the day I can claim a reward again after I have finished setting up all of my apps, and maybe again after I have showered and brushed my teeth.

Then I move to Qriket on whichever phones it is activated. For a lot of people, this will only be their regular phone with cell service.

At the same time I am doing Qriket and/or Lucktastic on my main phone I will get either Perk TV or Checkpoints running on the rest of the phones until I can get to each one. I do this simultaneously as I run through the ads on Qriket and maybe play a few spins.

After Qriket and/or Lucktastic I usually move to the satoshi faucet that takes an hour to reload and not only claim the first reward of the day but then run through the 10 - 12 ads that they pay you for at the beginning of each day. This usually takes a while for each phone and is why I start each phone playing Checkpoints or Perk TV while I cycle through them one at a time with this app.

Once that app is done for each phone it is easily time to claim again on the half-hour satoshi faucets.

I then revert each phone to either Checkpoints or Perk TV to run semi-automatically.

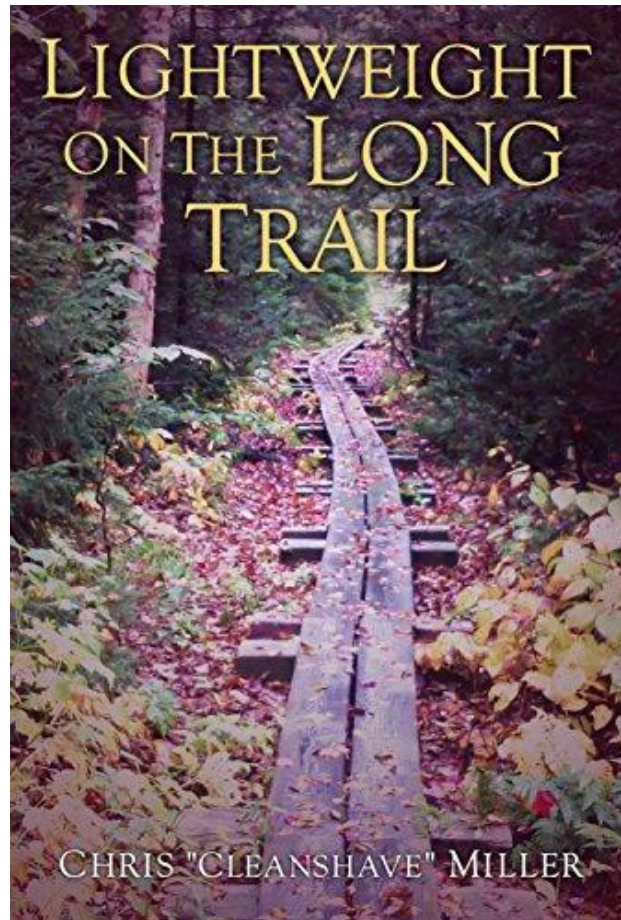
What I like about the half-hour satoshi faucets is that every half hour the ringer will go off and the phone will vibrate reminding me not only to claim my reward but to check and see that Checkpoints and Perk TV are both still running.

Sometimes it is a helpful distraction from my desk where I might be working on Fiverr gigs, or have found myself distracted by YouTube.

And that so far is the basics of setting up a phone farm. Hopefully this helps you to generate passive income using cheap cell phones.

Above all else, save that bitcoin!

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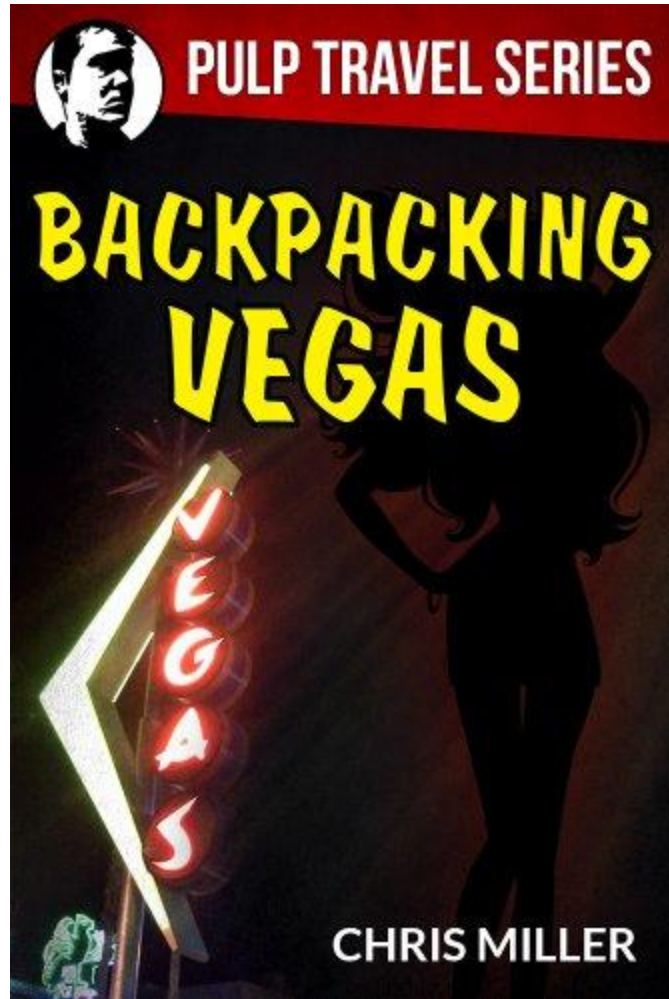


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