

# 4. The Hidden Art of Digital Photography

**Photography is a hobby for many but a passion for a few.** In our day-to-day lives, most of us simply enjoy taking pictures, uploading them to the web, sharing them, and preserving them for generations to come.

Photos are our way of looking back and cherishing those special moments in our lives - those special moments captured never to return.

**Being successful in taking pictures and making them seem real is an art on its own** - a separate art from the typical point-and-shoot snapshots - and it is only certain people who can capture the moment and make the picture speak more than a thousand words.

It is not only children who like to have their photographs were taken but also adults, as it gives them a chance to capture a moment and treasure it forever.

☐ **Computers and cellular phones, mobility, and microchips - these are the trademarks of the world today.** We live in a world continually changed by technology. Even the arts have continually changed due to technology. Think of it: from charcoal drawings to painting to photography to digital photography, we have come a long way in the visual arts.

We have used various methods in capturing life and freezing time. New technology is continually being developed to make art easier and more fun. However, you should know that the art of digital photography is not as simple as aim and shoot.

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## The art of digital photography needs skill in order to pull off properly.

Although some people may reason out that digital photography art can always be edited, many people do not really know how much work editing can be. Oh sure, we can say that technology has reached a level wherein a person needs to do practically nothing in order to achieve a great photograph, but of course, you need to know how to use the tools properly in order to do that.

The art of digital photography, in order to be truly mastered, needs three T's: Time, talent, and tactical placement of equipment. No, that's not right. You need time, talent, and treasure. Just what

does this mean?

**Time** - one cannot be an instant expert in digital photography. You need to take the time to learn all about it. Even though you are some sort of protégé who has the talents of a genius, you actually need the training to hone that talent. Remember that for all its power, a steamroller cannot be used to do the work of a hammer. There is wisdom in harnessing power properly.

Taking the time to train yourself in the art of digital photography is something akin to sharpening a knife using a grindstone or forging a fine katana (that's the Japanese samurai sword) by heating it and folding it over a thousand times -it may be painful, but it is necessary to produce the best.

**Talent** - of course, you need a bit of inherent talent in order to be truly great at the art of digital photography. You need to have an eye for the subjects that would make a great photograph. Otherwise, you will only end up being mediocre in a field that requires greatness.

Of course, the proper training can actually enhance your inherent talent and help you sharpen your skills in the art of digital photography.

**Treasure** - as said before, you will need the proper tools in order to be successful in the art of digital photography. This means that you will need to invest a lot of cash. Although there is a lot of digital art photography equipment that can be bought at inexpensive prices, the best equipment needs some serious pocket digging.

This, of course, tests your courage because there's nothing scarier to a man than having to pull out his wallet in the name of an untested interest. Once you have invested money in the art of digital photography, there's no turning back.

**The art of digital photography may seem like it requires a lot. However, in order to be truly successful in something you need love and love always requires sacrifice. You should keep that in mind.**

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