



Do What You Love

by David Rawles

Have you discovered your purpose? Are you employed, doing what you really love? If so, you are among the very fortunate! A recent Gallop poll revealed that only 30% of workers surveyed are regularly engaged or inspired by their jobs. People want to be inspired. They want to work toward a higher purpose and feel good about themselves.

We all know someone that follows their passion and is daily driven towards success. Here is a short list of those I know personally -- some names you will recognize:

- My friend Bob Wenzel -- Had a great profession in HR and decided to study law. He passed the bar exam and became an attorney. Eventually he became a partner in a prestigious law firm. How great to talk with a man that perfected his craft, using all of his gifts. With a propensity to serve and ferret out details, he's a brilliant attorney.
- Pat Riddle -- Pat decided to change her path at age 49 to follow her dream of journalism. She went to college for about 5-1/2 years, during which she interned with the Ft. Worth Star Telegram. At 55, Pat was hired to write a column and happily fulfilled that passion into her 80's.
- Walt Disney – He wanted something he could not find; he wanted good, clean family entertainment. He won 22 Academy Awards and founded theme parks Disneyland and Walt Disney World. His journey was not always easy, but he persevered.
- Mary Kay Ash – She created Mary Kay Cosmetics to allow women to advance by helping others succeed. She advocated "praising people to success" and expressed insistence that the women in her company keep their lives in good balance.
- Yogi Berra – He was the only one of his brothers that received a father's blessing to play professional baseball. Yogi was a 15-time All Star, winning MVP three times. He holds numerous World Series records and hit the first pinch hit home run in World Series history in 1947. Yogi was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1972. When he came to each "fork in the road," he took it.

One man or woman with a passion is worth 100 people with a passing interest. Find work that you really love, and you'll likely be successful. What a wonderful way to show that God takes care of you! When we choose a career using the things God gives us: skills, passions, interests and values, we'll likely end up doing what we love. We'll perform better, earn a better living, and please our boss more. We're more confident, more employable, and able to help others better. When you find a job that you want to do more than anything else in the world, you will experience love ... God is love.

I hope and pray you find what you love and achieve your dreams! -David Rawles