

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....” John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a



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Taking God To Work GROWTH GUIDE
The Keys To Lasting Success

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Finding A Job You Can Love

There are two sides to finding a job you can love. On the one hand, it may be possible to adjust our attitude and love the job we already have. Or...it may be time to search for the next stop on life’s adventure.

Almost everyone goes through seasons when their job becomes stressful, boring or unfulfilling.

Here are ten signs that it may be time to prayerfully consider a job hunt.

1. You feel that your potential is much greater than the demands of your job.
2. You have talents that go unused by your current and (likely) future positions within the same company.
3. You sense a leading away from your current company due to their hostility toward Christians and Christianity. (Careful here: God may want you to stay and initiate needed change. Every time a Christian becomes uncomfortable, this is not a definite word from above to run away.)
4. Your employer expects you to do things that are immoral, illegal or unethical.
5. Your witness has been compromised due to mistakes of the past. (Sometimes a fresh start is the best way to leave behind past mistakes. God forgives us. Moving on may be part of self-forgiveness.)
6. A new opportunity offers career advancement. (As the people of God, we are not ruled by our careers. Life decisions shouldn’t be made exclusively for a little more money or influence within an organization. We also need to consider effects on our family, church-life, etc.)
7. A new opportunity offers a challenge and personal growth. (I moved from a comfortable job with Navy to the more hectic Department of Homeland Security for the challenge, adventure and personal growth.)
8. A new opportunity offers the chance to work with outstanding people.
9. A new opportunity offers much better quality of life for family. (Some decisions come down to family. If two jobs are roughly equal in pay and responsibilities, a chance to cut sixty minutes from a round-trip commute may be reason enough to change jobs.)
10. A new opportunity offers ministry possibilities not present at the current job.

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KEY VERSE

Ecclesiastes 3:13

“and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor—it is the gift of God.” NKJV

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Ecclesiastes 3:9-13

Introduction

1. Do you currently enjoy or endure your work? Why do you feel the way you do?
2. God’s Word calls it a gift from above to be able to enjoy the good of our labor. In what ways do you feel blessed by your work?

Tuesday: 1 Timothy 6:6-10; Philippians 4:11-13

Love the Job You Have

3. What are some reasons people may become discontent in life and work?
4. How can you increase your contentment in your current situation?

Wednesday: James 1:5; Proverbs 2:6

Seek Wisdom From God

5. How do you know when it is time to find a new job?
6. Describe a time at your current or a previous job when you became uncomfortable and thought it might be time for a change. How did you make a decision?

Thursday: Psalm 139:13-18; Psalm 33:14-15

Determine Who God Made You To Be

7. What does it mean to be fearfully and wonderfully made by God?
8. Since God made you, what impact should this have on your career and life?
9. Pastor Steve developed the following acronym to help us examine ourselves. How can this assessment help you evaluate career decisions?

Spiritual Gifts: What are you gifted to do?

Expertise: What are your skills?

Likes: What do you like to do?

Family: What are your family needs?

Identify: What is your personality?

Environment: What places and people fit you best?

Friday: Ephesians 2:8-10

We Are His Workmanship

10. Why do you think that God calls us “His workmanship” and prepared us for good works?
11. How can we apply this to work and life?