

## Dead End Job?

This simple teaching is designed to encourage you to be faithful in every single job or assignment you are working on and not to give up hope for a lack of advancement, promotion or opportunities. For some, it may not be a job, but a business or a project of some kind.

The vast majority of people have worked a so-called “dead-end job.” At least that is what most people call it. It looked like they were headed nowhere in a hurry. Little did they know that God had plans for them.

Probably you are wondering, *“Am I going to do this the rest of my life”?* I for one have worked multiple jobs. These are the ones that have been called dead-end jobs, but as I write, that was not true. They were not dead-end jobs. God took me places. Hallelujah!

I am here to remind you that God is faithful, and He is taking you places and to heights even though it does not look like it. Do not believe that your job or work is a dead-end. There is nothing like a dead-end job with God.

There is a reason you are in that job. It is not meaningless nor is it valueless. Do not despair. Do not lose heart. God has good plans for you.

a) **Be faithful in the little.**

- i) Luke 16:10 “He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.”
- ii) God cares about every little job you do. Your job is not insignificant.

b) **There is value in what you are doing**

- i) You are making a difference and whatever you do is valuable.

c) **Preparation**

- i) Every job you are doing right now is preparing you for the very best God has for you. Your promotion will come.
- ii) You are learning life-changing principles that will transform your life and make you a better person when the promotion comes.
- iii) Use this time to grow and mature as a person.

d) **The One Talent man**

Matthew 25:24-25 “Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strewed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, *there* thou hast *that is* thine.”

- i) This one talent man looked at his talent as a dead end and did nothing with it.
- ii) Jesus gave this man one talent not to fail. It was not a dead end.
  - God has no dead ends. It might look like one, but for those who are trusting God, it will turn out to be the springboard to greatness and higher heights.
- iii) In the same way, God has not given any of us giftings or jobs to fail.
- iv) We are prepared for the top while at the bottom.
- v) This so-called “dead-end one talent” had the potential for this man to become a ruler over many cities. He limited his advancement through his bad attitude and a lack of ingenuity and faithfulness.

e) **Your true identity**

- i) Your profession, job or position is not your identity. You aren't better than your brother because of your position. What you do does not make you superior to others. You have no right, no place to look down on others because of what they do.
- Your position is temporary while your identity is not.
  - You need to separate what you do from who you are. These two are not synonymous.
  - Our true identity has to be rooted in who we are in Christ Jesus, not what we do, our success, or what we have.
- ii) Most people suffer huge setbacks and disappointments mainly because they have their ID wrapped into what they do, what they have and so forth. Once any of those ceases for whatever reason, they fall apart. Why? One of the reasons is because their identity was wrapped in the wrong thing. It was not solely in the Lord.
- iii) Knowing who you are and being able to separate it from the other things and people in your life will be key to surviving while the whole world falls apart. Losing a job, spouse or house will not devastate you because your identity is not wrapped in those things and people.
- f) **Good attitude**
- i) Your **attitude** will either get you out of your so-called dead-end job or will hold you back. Regardless of what we are doing, we need to maintain a good and godly attitude if we are to rise to the top and prosper in such an environment or another environment.
- ii) If you have a bad attitude in what you are currently doing, you will take it with you, should you end up in another better job, work, business or project.
- iii) If you do not work on changing your attitude where you are, **it will keep you from where you want to go** and should you make it there, you won't get a brand new one all over a sudden. Sad to say, you will not last.

g) **Bless all the work of thine hands.**

- i) Deuteronomy 28:12 “The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.”
- ii) We have a promise to prosper in all we do. That might look like a so-called dead-end job, but not in the eyes of God.
- iii) David’s job as a shepherd looked like a dead-end job, but that was not true.
- iv) The most important thing for us prospering and increasing is not what we do PERIOD. It is not how valuable or significant our job is. It is rather the blessing of God upon our lives, who we trust, our faithfulness and attitude.
- v) **Your education is not the key to your prosperity nor is it the only way.**
  - It can be a factor, but not the determining factor.
  - It is the blessing of God, faithfulness, hard work and a good attitude.

h) **Be patient**

Hebrews 10:36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

- i) One of the things we all do not like to do is wait. Many times, patience is seen as detrimental, but that is not the case.
- ii) Not all promises of God manifest instantly. A child cannot just become an adult. It takes time and we have to let time have its course. We can use time to our advantage.
- iii) If we faint not, if we do not quit, we will inherit the promises of God for our lives.

- iv) Patience which is faith prolonged over a long period of time will cause us to receive from the Lord.
- v) There is light at the end of the tunnel even if you don't see it and think it is just another train.

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