

NO MORE MONDAYS

Fire Yourself – and Other Revolutionary Ways to Discover Your True Calling at Work

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MAIN IDEA

Find work that you love. Then, instead of complaining whenever Monday arrives, you can look forward with enthusiasm to getting back to work each week. The workplace has changed and today there are more opportunities than ever before to find work that aligns with your own passions and interests. If you can't find a position that is like that, it's also easier than ever to go into business for yourself doing what you love. The opportunities are there, and it just takes the courage to leave your nine-to-five treadmill and put yourself in a position where you excel because you're doing what you're passionate about.

"If you're one of those people who dread going to work on Mondays, do something about it."

– Dan Miller

1. Embrace change, and don't worry if people call you "stupid" Page 2

Most people assume work needs to be drudgery they endure week-in and week-out. It isn't so. You should find something that makes best use of your talents rather than merely putting in time doing something you hate. Don't let what others will think hold you back.

2. Create a job which express who you are and what you believe Page 2

Ideally, your daily work should say something meaningful about you. It should reflect whatever is the very essence of your being. It should make maximum use of your talents and passions. Don't exchange punching a time clock for doing something which genuinely expresses who you are and what you stand for.

3. If you want different results in your life, then do something different. Page 3

Whenever you break away from a predictable pattern, you'll often discover new options and opportunities. Instead of working in a job you hate, be prepared to do something completely different. Accept responsibility for your life and get into action rather than looking for someone to blame.

4. Recognize that no one "owes" you anything – you make it happen. Page 3

Lots of people wait around for someone else to help make them successful. That won't happen. You have to recognize there's nobody waiting in the wings to grant your wishes. Instead, you have to get to work and make good things happen in your life and in your career.

5. Fire yourself – It's the best way there is to increase your income Page 4

The only way you're ever going to earn what you're truly worth is to fire yourself and go into business for yourself. Why wait for someone else to do that? Take the plunge and look for new opportunities to rise to the top. This is the best way there is to separate yourself from average performers.

6. Think about your opportunities more than you worry about being "secure" Page 4

For some people, any change is threatening and intimidating. Instead of feeling that way, view change as an opportunity for liberation of creative energy and positive transformation. Focus on what you're trying to head towards rather than feel sorry for what you have to give up to get there.

7. Realize we're in a transition to a new kind of economy, so get onboard Page 5

People have traditionally equated time-on-the-job with productivity. That dynamic doesn't hold true anymore. Today, we're living in a results-based economy. See this as a great opportunity to look at everything in a new and refreshingly different light.

8. You can reduce your risks when starting out on your own Page 5

Instead of seizing upon the first idea that comes your way, do some research and make some realistic plans on what you'll do. The key here is to find a niche that is uniquely and precisely your own. There are a wealth of options available so don't feel you need to rush. Do some analysis before you begin.

9. Whatever you decide to do to earn an income, be true to yourself Page 6

Working for yourself is not an invitation to cut corners or slack off. Instead, it's an opportunity to stretch yourself doing something important rather than something menial and repetitive. Accept full responsibility for your career path and your financial future in order to excel.

10. For inspiration about new business ideas, look inwards Page 6

To find the proper direction you should head to make money, look inwards. Identify your strongest areas of competence, your personality traits and passions first. Then look at how these can be applied to meaningful work. Your greatest opportunities will allow you to be true to yourself.

11. Don't let a lack of money hold you back from pursuing your passions Page 7

Most people assume it takes a lot of money to start a new business. Occasionally it does, but most of the time it does not. If you're creative, you can come up with all sorts of ways to do things cheaper than it might appear. Trust that where the will to succeed exists, a way forward can and will be found.

12. Embrace the changes which happen and make the most of them Page 8

It's always much easier to make money doing something you love than it ever is to make money doing something you hate. The era of meaningful and sustainable self-employment has arrived. Don't settle for the drudgery of a job you hate because you can't see any other options. They're real, they exist. Act!

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