

Am I Ready to Leave My Job?

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“Is a job my best alternative?”

It's a big decision to walk away from a regular job with regular pay. There's a comfort in knowing that remuneration will be there as long as you keep showing up.

“On the other hand, will I ever really get ahead? Will I ever really change my life for the better? Will I ever really be happy in this position? Will I really be secure in this job forever? Will they want me to keep showing up forever?”

These are just a few of the questions people ask themselves before striking out into a business to build their own future. These are the questions people avoid when they stay where they are, and don't really think about their own options, the questions that are ignored when they accept their fate.

In some cases, the answers are affirmative. Yes, the job does offer a fair shot at significant advancement. The job will provide for a noteworthy increase in remuneration, long-term security is assured, and it will hopefully provide ongoing happiness.

After all, it really is about happiness, and we all have a right to be happy. So, if the job does provide for these things then a change is not required.

In other cases, it is difficult to accept that meaningful advancement is not on the horizon, and each month that passes creates a deeper mire that is more difficult to escape.

Only an honest and open conversation with yourself can determine what you really want out of life.

“Do I have the courage to make a life-changing decision?” Some do, and many do not. Of course, every person we aspire to be, or look up to with respect, has displayed that courage and gone for it. Not without fear, but they found a way to light the wick and set in motion the flames of action and change.

I have learned from various readings over the years that picturing the worst-case scenario is often good medicine in times of indecision. Usually the answer is, “The worst that could happen is I could die.”

Can you picture yourself being dead without accomplishing more, without taking more action, without taking more chances on yourself? Maybe yes, maybe no.

That doesn't mean to act foolishly, and not think through your choices. It does mean everyone should consider the options before them.

“Do I take a chance and do something that could be great, or take the easy and safe path and stay in a position that I hate?”

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