**WHY PEOPLE WORK**

***Livelihood-*** People work to provide themselves and their families with the basic essentials or life--food, clothing and shelter. Once these basic essentials are met, other needs and wants become important.

***Human relationships-*** People basically like companionship. People seek companionship with persons who have interests similar to their own. Working is a means of associating with people who have similar interests. Being part of a group gives people a feeling of belonging. Your work can provide companionship and associations with other persons.

***Personal Development-*** A person’s work can provide an opportunity to learn and grow intellectually and socially. It is a means of attaining new goals in life by developing new skills and learning new things. Work allows people to reach their fullest potential. Your work can grow and reach your potential.

[***Job Satisfaction***](http://davetgc.com/Job_Satisfaction.html)***-***Since most or your adult waking life will be spent working, it is important to choose and occupation that will bring job satisfaction. You, as well as your family will be happier if the occupation you choose is satisfying.

***Service-*** Service may be defined as the things which a person does which are beneficial or useful to others. People like to make quality products, provide useful services and in general, make a contribution to society. In addition, people like to feel that the work they do is important and of value to others. Your work can be a service to others.

***Security-*** People look for security in their occupations. We need to know that when tomorrow comes, there will be work for us so that money may be earned. People want stability in their lives in order to make realistic and effective plans for the future. Your work can provide you with this security.

***Success-*** All ambitious young people are interested in securing a beginning job that offers an opportunity for advancement. Employers are interested in employing persons who like a challenge and who want to be successful in life. Your work can give you success.

[***Happiness***](http://davetgc.com/Happiness.html)***-***Last, but not least, is happiness with one's work. Thomas Edison, the great inventor, was once encouraged by his wife to take a vacation. He responded by stating that he "couldn't think of anything he would rather do that work in his laboratory." Most people, who choose their occupations wisely, thoroughly enjoy their work. This contributes to their overall happiness.

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