

My Testimony on Leaving the Secular Work-force

Why I quit my job and why God may be leading you to leave your job, career, or relationships.

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Introduction

In this ebook, I want to share my testimony on how God led me to leave my nine to five job to go into ministry. I talk about how you can know that God wants you to leave behind a job, a career, or a relationship. God may be leading you to start something new and exciting. I talk about how you can find purpose in life, whether that is at a secular job, working from home, or doing ministry full-time. I talk about how we all have gifts and talents and how we are all called to serve in some capacity. We all have a purpose in life. It is just discovering it and putting it to work in your own life.

Chapter 1: My testimony on quitting my job and going into ministry

When I got out of high school, I went right into the secular workforce. I did not know Jesus Christ and his plan and purpose for my life. I did not know what I was called to do with my life. I did not know my spiritual gifts and talents. I did not know that God was going to have me start a YouTube channel and do videos. I thought that I would be working a mundane, ordinary job just like everyone else.

Right after high school, I got a job working at a grocery store called Kroger. I got so comfortable working at this job that I ended up staying there for ten to eleven years. I stayed comfortable in the same position for those years. I did not move up or advance in other positions because I was on social security disability and could only work so many hours. If I worked more hours, I would lose my social security benefits.

Being on social security was a blessing, but at the same time it kept me stagnant from growing in other areas. I wanted to move up to other positions, but I

would have had to work more hours. The position I worked for was a courtesy clerk or a bagger. I bagged groceries, collected carts, cleaned the store facility, and assisted customers. I worked with the general public. So I was around people whenever I worked at the job.

I was so comfortable at this job that I got so used to it. Kroger was a great company to work for with many great benefits being under a union. So that was a blessing because if you needed extra time off due to medical reasons, you could go on a medical leave. The union also protected your job from any job issues.

I wanted to talk about how the Lord had me at this company for a season. The season for this job was up because he had something better and greater in store for me. The job was a lot of heavy lifting, pushing, and pulling. I was already skinny as it was. I weighed around one hundred pounds. The job was strenuous because you were on your feet for those eight and a half hours. Some days I worked four or five hours instead of eight because of issues with losing too much weight on the job.

Whenever I was at this job, I felt like I was just there for the money and for the paycheck instead of fulfilling my purpose or calling. The Lord was showing me that I was serving two masters. I was serving both God and money. Also, the job was interfering with my health and causing me to lose too much weight. So the Lord wanted me to put in my two weeks notice. I kept putting it off because I didn't want to disappoint my friends and family. Others wanted me to stay at the company, but God wanted me to leave.

So I kept going back and forth between leaving and staying. Eventually the circumstances of my weight put my job in jeopardy. So I ended up putting my two weeks notice in and leaving. It was hard at first because I trusted that job to pay my bills and provide food and clothing. But the Lord wanted to prove to me that He was my provider and not the job. The Lord did not want me trusting in riches or serving two masters. He wanted me to trust him to provide for me.

So the Lord opened a new door for me to start a YouTube ministry online doing videos. I know this is not a good-paying job, but it was more of a calling than anything. He wanted me to share the gospel,

encouragement, and testimonies through YouTube. He also had me writing blogs. This was my passion and purpose. Whenever I would do these things, I had a sense of fulfillment and satisfaction that a secular job could not give me.

The Lord had me start an online ministry writing books, blogs, and recording videos on both YouTube and TikTok. He also had me minister the gospel in my community where I lived or had currently lived. This is the kind of work that gives me joy and happiness. This is the kind of work that fulfills my destiny. This is the kind of work that gets rewards in heaven. Working for a paycheck can only get you so far. Working for your purpose gets you even farther in life because you are winning souls for the kingdom of heaven.

God equips you to finish the work that he started in you. He will help you to get it done and completed. He gives you the strength and power you need to fulfill your assignments on earth. He empowers you with his Holy Spirit so that you can be used by him for his glory and for the kingdom of God.

Chapter 2: How do you know God wants you to let go?

Maybe you are working a secular job and career, and you hate it and are just there for the paycheck or the money. Maybe this job or career gives you no real purpose in life. Maybe you don't really enjoy your job, and it is a drudge every time you come to work. Maybe when you are working the job or career, there are circumstances that get in the way of you working. That may be the Holy Spirit leading you to quit your job because he has something better in store for you. But you need to be willing to trust him and know that he will open new doors of opportunity. We need to be willing to trust that God will provide for us even without a job or income coming in.

When you are at a job that you don't like or hate, you will just not have peace there. You will feel uneasy about that job, and you will not want to be there. This can go the same for a relationship or friendship too. You may not have peace about a certain person or a relationship in your life. That may be the sign or confirmation that it is time to move on. God wants to bring better opportunities and people into your life, but we need to first be willing to let go of the old before he can send the new.

Chapter 3: Finding purpose and passion and doing what you love to do.

When you finally do decide to leave a job or relationship, it will be like a burden lifted off of your shoulders. You will have so much relief. Then, God can introduce you to your purpose and his ultimate goal and plan for your life. That is when you can find out where God wants you to go and what he wants you to do. He will lead and guide you and show you what to do. We just need to ask him in prayer and sit and be still in his presence and allow him to speak to us so that he can direct us and instruct us in the way he wants us to go.

God has a set of unique gifts and talents that he has bestowed upon us that he wants us to use to advance his kingdom on earth. He wants us to fulfill our purpose and calling, but sometimes that may require us to leave certain jobs, people, places, and things. Once we are obedient to do that, then we can know what the next step is to take in our lives. They say when you are working at a job that you love and enjoy, you never have to work a day in your life. That job does not feel like work, but it is your calling and purpose. A hair salon

lady may be fulfilling her purpose because she is cutting hair and is able to share the gospel and encourage her clients while she cuts their hair. That is her fulfilling her purpose on the job.

Another person may have the gift of baking or cooking, and then they get a job at a fast food restaurant. That person is fulfilling their purpose on the job. However, it is what we do for the kingdom that will last and have value in eternity. Working a nine to five job may not get you rewards in heaven. However, serving God outside the job will get you rewards if you are faithful and obedient to the call on your life.

You can work a nine to five job and fulfill your purpose or ministry outside of that job. But we just want to be sure that the jobs, careers, and relationships that we are in are in God's will for our lives. If not, then it is time to let them go. God has something better in store if we just trust him.