

## **DON'T GROW WEARY IN YOUR SEARCH – GOD IS WITH YOU!**

If you are in the midst of a long job search and are beginning to feel alone, frustrated and vulnerable (those terrible precursors to despair), it is encouraging to remember that the isolated believer, the underdog, the one desperate sheep who is lost, is the exact believer that Jesus Christ desires to help.

Job searches are trials and we Christians are told in the Bible that the trial of our faith has an eternal value (1 Peter 1:7 or Hebrews 12:11). So, if you are not succeeding immediately on the job market, and yet you persist in faith, your gain is an eternal reward being held in Heaven where moth or rust cannot destroy.

Remember the parable of the persistent widow woman (Luke 18:9-14) who was treated unfairly by the judge, her diligence finally caused the judge to change his mind and rule in her favor. Diligence is a type of faith and without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). Sometimes job seekers forget that God uses every trial for an eternal purpose. He is not capricious and will not give you a burden you cannot bear. Don't despair about the jobs that you haven't won yet, rather look to the hope set before you that God will lead you to the best job that suits your gifts and talents.

If you are struggling to reach God's destiny for your career, please consider the following.

1. God is not the author of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33). If you are pursuing jobs that don't really make sense, meaning the job title, location, job description, really aren't right for your background, be willing to change your mind and go a different way.
2. Pursue the peace that passes all understanding (Philippians 4:7). If you don't have peace about a certain job, pray about it and expect to receive God's peace or be very cautious about accepting an offer that doesn't give you spiritual peace.
3. Be encouraged, according to Psalm 84:11, For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. Trials are used as means to attract us to a closer relationship to God. If you are out of work for some time, make this the season that draws you closer to Him. Read your bible, be faithful in your church, and become a man or woman of prayer.
4. According to Proverbs 11:14, where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counselors there is safety. Seek out godly believers who can encourage you and counsel you regarding job choices and direction.

Don't believe that God has forgotten about you. It says that He has engraved you on the palms of His hand. You are more precious to Him than a newborn child is to their mother. Hard to believe, but that's what it says in Isaiah 49:15-16.

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