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The Pathway to a Happy and Joyous Existence Through Better Employment

"The worst day on vacation is better than the best day at work" (Williamson 33). Almost anyone

who has ever put in a full day's work would attest to this truism. But how do we make our lives—even the days we work—feel like we are on vacation? It is a marvelous thing to have a job which feels less like work and more like vacation. A blissful job would certainly assure a fulfilled, gratified life. But few of us have the luck to accidentally land such a position. Making certain we adhere to several elements of successful job hunting, however, can result in scoring a job which is a walk in the park at best, and is tolerable at the least. **Though some deem money as the main requirement for happiness, the truth is that finding the right career can lead to a fulfilled, satisfied life. It is clearly more important to find a job which will <sup>1</sup> allow you to use the talents you have, <sup>2</sup> reward you for diligence and loyalty, and <sup>3</sup> value your input and opinions (Gunther).**

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One excellent step to landing that dream job which will ensure a fulfilled, satisfied life is to seek employers who will <sup>1</sup> allow you to use your talents. So often, employers will attempt to mold employees into perfect automatons—brainless robots who will obey and remain uncreative and bereft of spirit (Blayne). A hard-working employee is so much more effective when she knows her own talents, and uses her mind to show her bosses that creativity and ability. Enlightened, forward-thinking employers, too, will thank a worker who brings special abilities and talents to the position. A supervisor who expects the employee to use all the personal tools he possesses will allow her to thrive as an employee (Williamson).

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