# **Mixing Work With Pleasure**

**The more I want to get something done, the less I call it work. *(Richard Bach)***

**The secret of joy in work is contained in one word: excellence. To know how to do something well is to enjoy it. (*Pearl S. Buck)***

**Walter Chrysler, another giant in the automotive industry, started as a shop apprentice for a western railroad and became superintendent of locomotive power at thirty-three. At thirty-five he changed to another firm, at a lower salary. At thirty-seven he changed again, to the Buick Motor Company, this time for exactly half his previous salary. Why did Chrysler keep changing jobs, making less money each time? Not because he was incompetent – it was for love of the new job. By age forty-five he had made enough money to retire. Instead, because he loved his work, he collected some bankrupt automobile companies and transformed them into the gigantic Chrysler Motors Corporation. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Choose a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life. *(Confucius)***

**A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER: Doing what you like is freedom … liking what you do is happiness. *(Reminisce magazine)***

**TV personality Hugh Downs is one of those who believes that if you don't find happiness in your work, you're not going to find it at all. “The most creative people I know, and some of the happiest, are those who constantly mix business and pleasure,” says Downs. “I struggled with the business of broadcasting for at least a dozen years in dead seriousness. I made neither a name nor any money in it until I started having fun with it. I can't say that the change in attitude was the result of any conscious effort on my part, at least not in the way of a plan. It came, rather, from seeing broadcasting as a demanding business that had driven several colleagues to drink and a premature death. I realized that I wanted to avoid that and that I was free to bail out of the business and do something else. After having decided to quit, I found that I didn't have to take broadcasting so seriously and began to have fun in it. I have never since decided not to quit, but have left it open. That's the way it should be with any trade or profession.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**There is no scarcity of opportunity to make a living at what you love; there’s only a scarcity of resolve to make it happen. *(Dr. Wayne Dyer)***

**I never did a day's work in my life, it was all fun. *(Thomas Edison)***

**Axel: “You don’t have much of a work ethic, do you, Al?” Al: “No, but my fun ethic is off the charts, and isn’t that what matters?” *(J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

**“If you would succeed, love your work,” goes an old maxim. How true. People who set out with the single goal of making money seldom do. In a small Michigan town many years ago there was a teenage boy who liked to take watches apart. He had even made his own tools – a corset stay became tweezers, a single nail and knitting needle became screwdrivers. The farmhouse was drafty, and to keep his feet warm against the wintry blasts, he kept a lighted lantern between them. Soon the neighbors brought in their watches for him to repair, and the thrifty farmers liked his work because he did not charge for it. He loved this precision tinkering and wanted to learn all he could about watches. As he taught himself watch-making, with his free neighborhood service, he began to imagine possibilities of using the same precision methods to manufacture larger articles, so that their parts would be interchangeable. With interchangeable parts an assembly line would be possible. The modern assembly line was born in that farmhouse. The boy who fixed watches for his neighbors, just for the sheer love of the work, became the man who made more than thirty million motor vehicles. Henry Ford ended up a rich man, but that was not his goal when he set out to make cars. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**In order that people may be happy in their work, these three things are needed: They must be fit for it. They must not do too much of it. And they must have a sense of success in it. *(John Ruskin)***

**Work is not the thing one does to live but rather the thing one lives to do*. (Dorothy Sayers)***

**When you find yourself getting lost in your work … you can be pretty sure you’ve found your future. *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**One retired man-made beautiful toys in his workshop, and he sold them to a toy store. It was hard work. A retired woman made beautiful dolls and she gave them away to poor children. It was a pleasure. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**A man who works with his hands is a laborer; a man who works with his hands and his brain is a craftsman; but a man who works with his hands and his brain and his heart is an artist*. (Louis Nizer, American lawyer)***

**The masters of the art of living make little distinction between their work and their play, their labor and their rest, their minds and their bodies, their importance, their recreation, their love and their religion. They hardly know which is which. They simply pursue their vision of excellence at whatever they do, leaving others to decide whether they are working or playing. *(James Michener)***

**More than half of 2,000 millionaires surveyed by Barclays Wealth say they want to continue working past retirement age. Asked why, most cite longer life spans and financial uncertainty, but more important, they say, is that they consider work a form of recreation. *(The Wall Street Journal, as it appeared in The Week magazine, October 8, 2010)***

**Work is much more fun than fun*. (Noel Coward)***

**Nothing is really work unless you would rather be doing something else. *(Sir James Barrie, Scottish dramatist)***

**The thing I remember best about successful people I’ve met all through the years is their obvious delight in what they’re doing … and it seems to have very little to do with worldly success. They just love what they’re doing, and they love it in front of others. *(Mister Rogers, everyone’s favorite neighbor)***

**In Albert Schweitzer’s Gift of Friendship, author Erica Anderson told about a young boy who couldn’t wait for the lunch break to end so that he could go back to work. When Dr. Schweitzer noticed this, he said to the boy: “You have a big secret, whether you know it or not. The secret is enjoying your work. It is a great wisdom, my boy. Hang on to it.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

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