

**Choose Passion
Over Wealth**



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I would go to work, I would go to work on whatever turns you on, *it may turn out that it'll be more profitable than you can think.*

But *almost everybody here will make enough money unless they get some terrible habits along the way to do reasonably well. And doing reasonably well in this country really is pretty darn good.*

I mean, **it's not necessary to have huge amounts of money in order to enjoy yourself.** I enjoy myself when I was earning \$10,000 and I live in the same house that I lived in when I was making when I had about that. I bought it forty-one years ago, I liked the house then I like the house now.



I mean, if you think about it, if you have a reasonable job you'll be eating at McDonald's and I'll be eating McDonald's so, we're to push on food, I mean, you know, I hope in fact, I hope is Dairy Queen actually.

And if you come to Dairy Queen, you'll see me, and you can order anything on the menu I can order, we both can afford it.

You know **you'll wear the same clothes I wear**, I'll pay more for my suits, but as soon as I put them on they look cheap on me, so we'll look about the same.



We'll both live in the same kind of houses, I live in that house from forty-one years ago, and it's warm in winter and it's cool in summer and it's comfortable, and you'll live in a house that's similar.

And *what difference does it make if you have fifty more rooms* or, you know, guest houses or all that? You know, *it'll probably just bring your problems*, I mean, you have to worry about the greenskeeper or something when you get through.

So, I have been in the houses of people where the houses are worth oh, probably two hundred times what my house is worth, and *I would not be any happier in those houses at all*, in fact, *I'd be less happy*.



I just have one more thing to worry about, you know, the dozens of people around the place and people quitting and people stealing from you, all kinds of things the hell with it though.

We drive, *we'll drive the same kind of car*, in fact, you'll probably drive a better car, I drive a car that's about eight years old, I don't know what it's worth now. But it gets me around fine, I mean, I'm perfectly happy with it.

We'll watch the same television, you know, we'll work on the same computer pretty much, *the only difference will be how we travel long distances*, you know.



I will fly in a plane that's more comfortable than flying Southwest Airlines or something, which I've got nothing against, **but that's the one real big difference.**

And other than that *I do what I like every day* **I hope you you'll do what you like every day to do.**

And *I work with nice people*, I hope you work with nice people. And there are twenty-hours in the day, and those are where the hours go.

So, great wealth is the tiniest bit different in a real sense than having just a decent, a decent income.



And *to trade a decent income, and something you love doing*, and something where you feel *worthwhile* doing it, for huge wealth where you trade off a lot of your principles **would be a terrible mistake.**

I can certainly define happiness because that's what I am. I mean *I get to do what I like to do every single day of the year.*

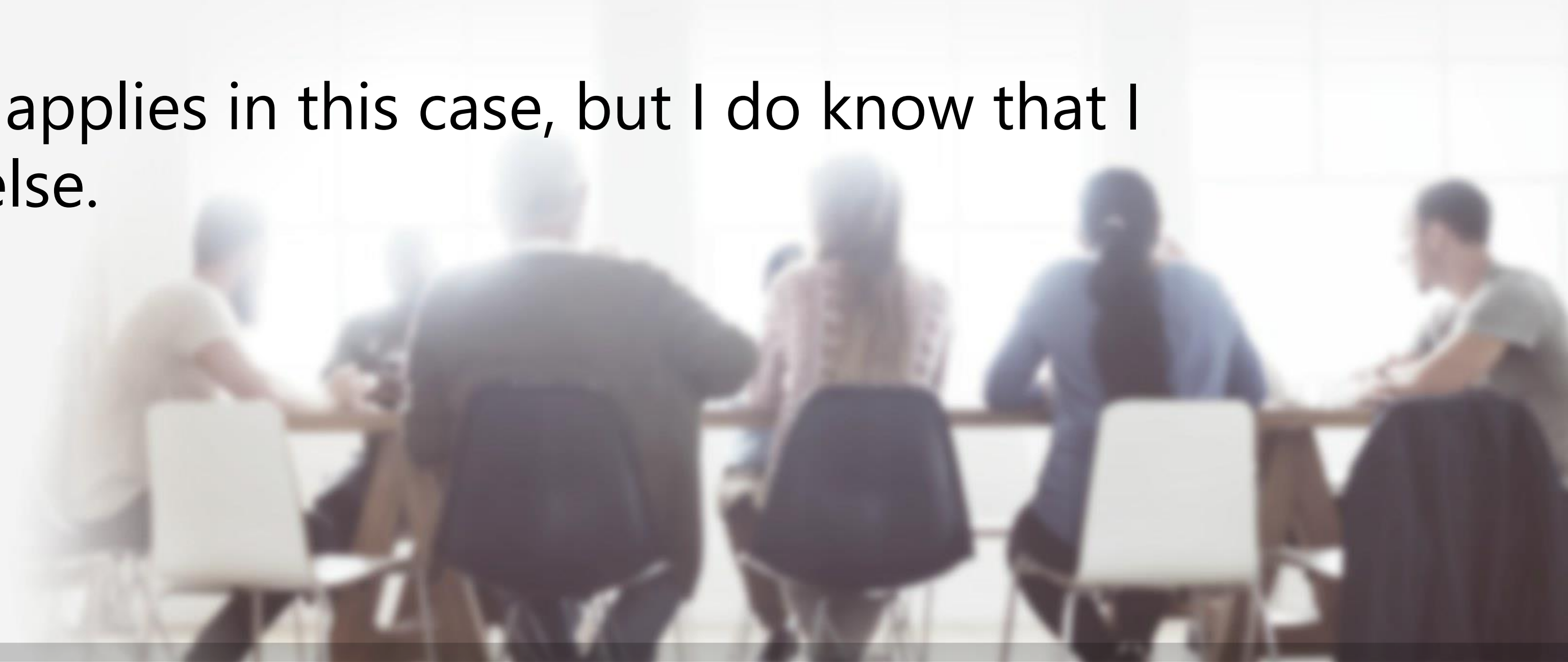
I get to do it with people I like. I don't have to associate with anybody that causes my summer to churn. The only thing in my job, I don't like, and this only happens about every three to four years, occasionally I have to fire somebody, and I don't like, that's the only thing.



Other than that, I tap dance to work and I get down there, and I think I'm supposed to lie on my back and paint the ceiling, you know, something like Michael Angelo. I mean that's the way I feel. And it doesn't diminish its tremendous fun.

They say that: "**Success is getting what you want, and happiness is wanting what you get.**"

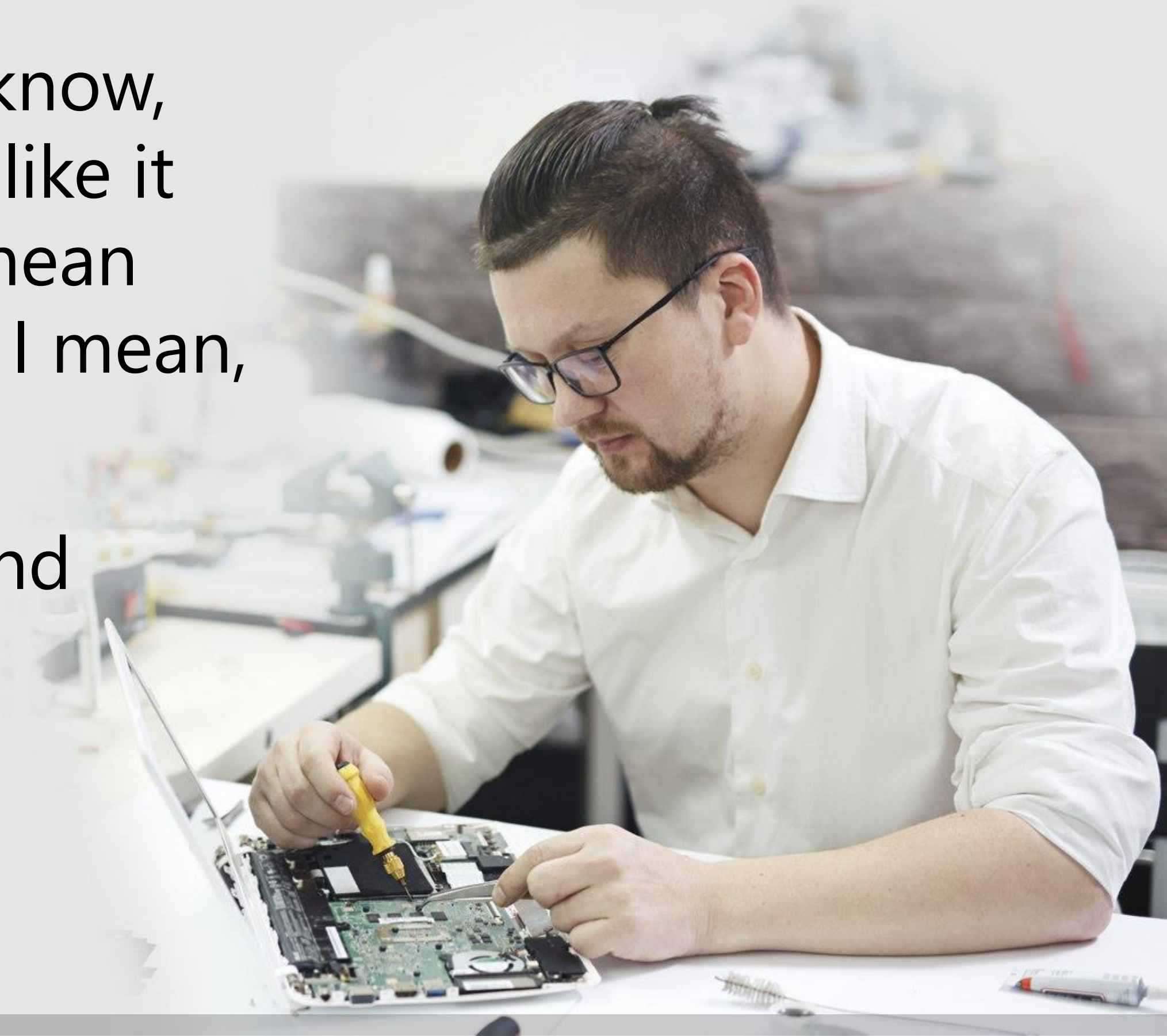
Well, I don't know which one applies in this case, but I do know that I wouldn't be doing anything else.



I do advise you, you know when you *go out to work go to go to work for an organization that you admire, people you admire, because it'll turn you on and *you ought to be happy where you are working.**

And, I always worry about people who say you know, "I'm going to do this for ten years, I really don't like it very well, I'll do ten more years of this and"... I mean that's a little like saving up sex for your old age, I mean, not a very good idea.

So **get right in on what you enjoy**, you know, and **you'll be successful at it, you really will. I mean you won't be able to miss.**



I don't regard what I do is the most important thing in the world overall, but it's right for me, I mean I happen to be wired in a certain way that what I do works.

And if I had to do, what you know, Bill does I mean, I would last about ten minutes, and that's true about a lot of things but luckily I kind of stumbled into the thing that I do best and that, you know what *it's worked out for me*.



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