

YOUR JOB IS NOT YOUR PASSION?



If your job doesn't align with your passion, what should you do?

We've all heard the cliché advice of "following our dreams" and "living our passion". But what does it really mean when our passions and jobs don't align? It's a common conundrum that many of us face. While some are lucky enough to turn their passions into professions, others find themselves in jobs that pay the bills but don't ignite their souls. But that's okay! It doesn't mean you can't enjoy or succeed in your work. So let's explore some tips and tricks to help you find satisfaction and happiness in your job, even if it's not your passion.

Passion vs. Talent

It's common for our passions to differ from our actual talents. Many individuals may have talent in a particular field but lack the passion for it. Remember, being good at your job doesn't mean you have to be passionate about it.

Does it mean you're in the wrong job?

If your job isn't your passion, that doesn't mean you don't like it. Over time, you've developed skills, relationships, and networks within your field. You've worked hard for promotions and may have even identified yourself as a leader in your area of expertise. It's essential to be self-aware of your strengths and weaknesses. It's perfectly normal if your job isn't your passion, as we all have varied interests and abilities.

Striking a balance

Although our jobs may take up a significant portion of our day, pursuing our passions outside of work is essential. Whether it's writing, gardening, or home improvement, carve out enough time to do what you love. This way, you'll feel more satisfied with your work. If you're passionate about another field, consider volunteering during your free time. Not only will you get to do what you love, but it may also lead to future career opportunities.

Let those worlds overlap

Think of your job as a means to pursue and support your passions. If you're passionate about travel, consider how steady work can provide paid time off and the money needed to travel. You can even work overtime to save up for a special trip or aim for a promotion that provides better pay and more time off. Consider bringing it into your organisation even if your job isn't related to your passion. Suggest a chilli cook-off or bake sale to leadership if you're passionate about baking, or start a book club if you're an avid reader. This marries your passion for your work and shows your organisation that you're an engaged member of their community.

Figuring out your needs

You're not alone if you don't necessarily love your job but don't hate it either. You've acknowledged that you're good at it, and it supports your needs. However, if you wake up each day loathing the idea of going to work, it may be time to consider pursuing another venture. You may be in the wrong job or company, and finding the right fit can lead you to be passionate about your work. Making the change may just make you one of the lucky ones

