

A Hell Called “Services No Longer Required”

(How to turn “Fired” into FiredUP)
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“For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.” (2 Tim 4:10-11 NIV)

5 Fears of Being Fired

The fear of rejection..

The fear of failing.

The fear of humiliation.

“Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,” (Phil 2:6-9 NIV)

The fear of isolation.

The fear of being cut off.

“Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds rejoice before him—his name is the LORD. A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.” (Psa 68)

Fired into FireUP

“ . . . when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and **enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work--this is a gift of God.**” (Eccl 5:18 NIV)

It’s a chance to lose weight.

“ . . . let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. ”(HEB 12:1 NIV)

It’s a chance to start smarter.

It’s a chance to get better.

“Do you see someone skilled in their work? They will serve before kings; they will not serve before officials of low rank.” (Pro 22:29)

It’s a chance to sharpen your skills.

It’s a chance to reinvent yourself.

It’s a chance to be thankful.

“Anyone who is among the living has hope—even a live dog is better off than a dead lion!” (ECC 9:4)

It’s a chance to stay humble.

“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.” (1 Pet 5:5-6 NIV)

It’s a chance to extend grace.

It’s a chance to stay relevant.

“...from Issachar, men who understood the times and knew what Israel should do—200 chiefs, with all their relatives under their command;” (1 Chronicles 12:32 NIV)