

## 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)