

PASSION OR CAREER?

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When you reach the adulting stage, you will encounter yourself asking “Passion or Career”? The word ‘passion’ seems like a cheesy connotation, but it is a non-negotiable element of your career success and you are going to be most successful if you are more passionate about it, states Hogshead (2005). Passion is a feeling of intense enthusiasm toward the yearning for something. It is your asset, your drive. This makes you. This is your soul, your being. This makes you completely excited, not getting bored or even getting tired of doing. This is your relaxation. Those things bring you joy and put you in a perpetual state of flow. But here’s a thing, how long can you live your passion? Can your passion make you survive in this world?

A career is a profession for which one undergoes training and is undertaken as a permanent calling. It is the reason why you studied for so long, to become a professional. Getting into a job you wanted to have is a major bonus in life. It is like living your dreams and making a bunch of money to provide for your family. But what if it is not your thing? I mean, this is not something you are passionate about doing?

In this dilemma, which one will you choose? If your career and your passion are on parallel paths and did not cross each other, which one will you pick? Money buys financial security and physiological needs. To live, our needs must be well provided. An investor-billionaire named Ray Dalio, advises in his book of Principles, “make passion and work the same thing.” According to him, doing so is the path to success. The world is giving you endless possibilities yet, you should always be wise in making your

decisions. When happiness and survival come together, you are probably on the right path.

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