

I recall a conversation I had with a friend a number of years ago. He worked for a large electrical contractor in the area. He said how he loved his job, made good money, and he could hardly ask for more. I thought to myself, what a lucky guy!

Some of us love our jobs, but they don't pay very much. Some of us make good money, but we don't like - or even hate - our jobs. Some of us hate our jobs and don't earn much from them (talk about being on the short end of things)!

If you're in a job you hate, chances are, this is not where God wants you to be. I don't believe God created us to spend such a huge chunk of our life doing something we despise. So, it may be God's way of saying it's time to make a change.

Yes, I know, there are repercussions to such a major decision. It may be risky, and we may worry about making ends meet for ourselves and our family. But do you think God wants us to spend the rest of our working days doing something we just can't stand?

Of course, this isn't to say that every aspect of our job should be pleasant. Most jobs have some parts to them that are a pain in the neck. I don't like everything about my job of being a pastor, to be honest. (You can guess what that might be - I'm not going to tell you)! But if we go to work day after day and are miserable, how can we imagine we are fulfilling God's will in our vocation?

The other alternative, besides changing jobs, is *changing our attitude* towards our work. The job may not be the problem. *We* may be the problem - in the way we look at our job! Sometimes taking a more positive attitude towards our work can change the whole scenario.

Either way, if you're miserable in your job, God's trying to get your attention. It's a good time to ask, "OK, Lord, what are you trying to tell me?"

*"Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need" (Ephesians 4:28).*

- Pastor Harry