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10 SIGNS IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE



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You wonder if it is right for you to want to find a new job. You feel trapped in your current one, but you feel disloyal if you decide to move on. What does a person do in a situation like this?

Here are 10 signs that it might be time for a job change:

1. **You Are Not Paid Enough:** You may be in a job that just barely pays your bills and leaves you with no opportunity to enjoy the fruits of your labors. You work hard for your money! You should be able to spend at least a little of it, right? You should also be able to save some of your money. Therefore, you will want to consider getting a new job if your current one does not pay enough.

3. **You Are Bored with Your Job:** If your job is no longer challenging to you it may be time for you to start looking for something new. If you find a job that maximizes more of your talents and attributes then you will no longer be bored.

4. **You Don't Get Along with Your Boss:** Most everyone has had this problem at one time or another. If you are a person who is in a job where you and your boss have no working chemistry, it can be tragic for you. This can bring anyone down and cause a you to perform poorly on the job. If this is you, you need to find a new job as soon as possible.

5. **Cannot Get Along with the Other Co-workers:** Now, in every job there are going to be difficulties. You will have conflicts with co-workers from time to time. However, if the conflict never gets

Whether you work 9-to-5 or the graveyard shift you may have this problem if you don't like your job. You dread the thought of having to spend another day at the place that gives you your paycheck. In fact, some of the old clichés such as "Another day, another dollar" run through your head. This is one sign that you really need to make a change.



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management, it is time for one of you to go – either that person or you. Usually on the job employees do not get fired just for having a minor personality conflict. However, if this conflict is too much for you, it may be the wrong place for you long-term. Perhaps in this instance you can put up with it until you find a better job. You will know to do extensive research regarding the company before you get hired next time. It is important to know you can get along with the people you work with.

6. No Advancement Opportunities: Are you struggling with feeling like you are stuck in your position? Have you reached the top of the career ladder in your chosen field? It may be time for you to think about changing careers. You can take classes and prepare yourself for new and different opportunities where you will not feel so limited.

7. News of Possible Layoff: If you know ahead of time that you could be laid off it wouldn't hurt to line up other possibilities. If you know you are going to be laid off you have an advantage over those who find out suddenly. If you find out you are going to be laid off you would want to land interviews with new potential employers so you will be ahead of the game.

8. You are Treated Unfairly or Abused: Being treated unfairly is somewhat of a subjective term. Some people feel that they are being treated unfairly if they are being disciplined. However, if you are one person who had put forth all the effort you have into a position, and you never get proper credit it may be time for you to move on. Also, if you are a person who works hard and feels degraded in any way by your boss or other co-workers

(emotionally, verbally, sexually, or even physically) it is time to take possible action and move on.

9. You Abhor Your Company's Way of Doing Business: You may not want to confess this to your company if you are trying to find a new job. After all, whenever possible you need a good reference. However, if you secretly despise the way that your company does business then you would want to consider working elsewhere. Once you find another job, then if necessary, you can take action if need be.

10. You Simply Think You Could Do Better: You may not have an exact reason to look for a different job. You just might feel as though you can do better. If you have been feeling this way for a while, just trust your instincts. There has to be a reason you are feeling this way even if you do not have a specific reason. It may just be that the job you are in is not right for you. It does not have to be for a concrete reason.

Now that you know some signs that it is time for you to find a job you can start looking. The easiest way to look for a job is to search your local papers and Internet job boards. You can also register with local job agencies where you live. Once you find a job that you enjoy, and one that is challenging enough for you, you will be glad you did.

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