

Gone Fishing

There was once a businessman who was sitting by the beach in Daytona Beach, Florida. As he sat, he saw a Port Orange fisherman rowing a small boat towards the shore having caught a big fish.

The businessman was impressed and asked the fisherman, "How long did it take you to catch such a big fish?" The fisherman replied, "Oh, just a short while."

"Then why don't you stay longer at sea and catch even more?" The businessman was astonished.

"This is enough to feed my whole family," the fisherman said.

The businessman then asked, "So, what do you do for the rest of the day?"

The fisherman replied, "Well, I usually wake up early in the morning, go out to sea and catch a few fish, then go back and play with my kids and granddaughter. In the afternoon, I take a nap in the hammock and after that throw some of the fish on the grill. When evening comes, I join my buddies and we drink and laugh. Sometimes, we'll pull out the guitars and the bongo; we'll sing and play throughout the night. We get better if the tequila comes out."

The businessman offered a suggestion to the fisherman. "I have a degree in business management. I could help you to become a more successful person. From now on, you should spend more time at sea and try to catch as many fish as possible. When you have saved enough money, you could buy a bigger boat and catch even more fish. Soon you will be able to afford to buy more boats, set up your own company, your own production plant for canned food and distribution network. By then, you will have moved out of this village and to Jacksonville or Orlando, where you can set up HQ to manage your other branches."

The fisherman continued, "And after that?"

The businessman laughed heartily, "After that, you can live like a king in your own house, and when the time is right, you can go public and float your shares in the Stock Exchange, and you will be rich."

The fisherman asked, "And after that?"

The businessman said, "After that, you can finally retire, you can move to a house by the fishing village, wake up early in the morning, catch a few fish, then return home to play with kids, have a nice afternoon nap with your wife, and when evening comes, you can join your buddies for a drink, play the guitar, sing and dance throughout the night!"

The fisherman was puzzled, "Isn't that what I am doing now?"



There is no time like the present to get our priorities right – success will always follow you when you follow your passion – just remember never to get too busy for the people you love and always make time for the things you love doing. Never get caught in the trap of being too busy for yourself and the ones you love.