

## **“A Real Job”**

Hey, it's your Hometown Motivator Doc Cunningham with another quick tip entitled “A Real Job.”

Have you ever been told “you need to find a real job?” What would make someone think that the work you do is not a real job? People make their offices in so many places. Sometimes it's in the cockpit of a plane. Other times it might be the caboose of a train. A real job comes in different work shapes and salary sizes.

It is true that before you find that real job, chances are you'll have to work at a few “odds and ends” jobs. That was the case for me before I started climbing the corporate ladder. There was a time I worked as a street messenger, delivering packages door to door. Then I moved up to being a house messenger, delivering packages from floor to floor. Then came the opportunity to work as a computer engineer after graduating college.

Many a music recording artist had to hustle at menial jobs before they were able to land that recording contract. That was the case for R&B crooner Anthony Hamilton who remembers working as a snow cone vendor at the racetrack. You might be surprised to know that one of the members of the group Floetry once worked as a Librarian.

This is not meant to be a music trivia report. However, you might recall the song made popular by Mary J. Blige that can help us appreciate what it means to have a real job. In her song “Real Love” the refrain suggests that she's been looking for real love, in someone who sets her heart free.” Well, if real love is in finding someone who sets your heart free then a real job is in finding work that sets your ideas and creativity free.

A real job provides the right environment for planting your ideas and watching them grow. A real job serves as a natural extension for expressing your creativity. So if you're questioning whether you have a real job then the answer can be found in the degree to which your heart is in it and the extent to which you feel like the work sets you free.

This is your Hometown Motivator Doc Cunningham reminding you that if real love is finding someone who sets your heart free then a real job is finding work that sets your ideas and creativity free. So, until next time, “keep on keeping on!”