

# 8 Rules for Success in Work and Life

1. No matter how menial the task, do your best.

*Col 3:23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters*

2. Get wisdom and advice from others. You don't know it all.

*Prov 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But a wise man is he who listens to counsel.  
Prov 11:14 Where there is no guidance the people fall, But in abundance of counselors there is victory.*

(As a Christian in a work environment, I prayed for wisdom constantly)

3. Golden rule: Treat others the way we want to be treated.

*Matt 7:12 Jesus: So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you...*  
Probably no where harder than in marriage...

4. You can't have it all. Advertising or pop culture are wrong. Every decision has opportunity cost.

Determine what your priorities are. Efforts to advance career directly affect frequency of divorce, etc

5. Control is an illusion. You can have impact on many things, but not everything. Do not stress out over situations or people you simply can't control.

6. Money is a tool, not an end point or a goal.

*Eccl 5:12 Solomon: Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless.*

-End of our lives, on our death bed, we gather our loved ones around us, not our accountants or stockbrokers.

7. Happiness is determined by your attitude, not your circumstances.

*Phil 4:11-12 I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.*

8. Relationships matter. Jesus: Love God and love others.

*Matt 22:37-39 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'*