

Work is love made visible. And if you cannot work with love but only with distaste, it is better that you should leave your work and sit at the gate of the temple and take alms of those who work with joy.

Kahlil Gibran in The Prophet

A leader is best when the people are hardly aware of his existence, not so good when people stand in fear, worse, when people are contemptuous. Fail to honour people, and they will fail to honour you.

But a good leader who speaks little, when his task is accomplished, his work done, the people say "We did it ourselves".

Lao Tzu

Really, getting to do what you love to do every day, that's the ultimate luxury. And particularly when you can do it with terrific people around you.

Warren Buffett

You can't hire someone who can make sandwiches and teach them to be happy. So we hire happy people and teach them to make sandwiches.

Jay Chapman,

Head of Communications, Pret a Manger

Happiness lies in the joy of achievement, the thrill of creative effort. The human spirit needs to accomplish, to achieve, to triumph to be happy. Happiness does not come from doing easy work. It comes from the afterglow of satisfaction after the achievement of a difficult task that demands your best.

Henry Mintzberg

If you're crazy enough to do what you love for a living then you're bound to create a life that matters.

Herb Kelleher, ex-CEO of Southwest Airlines

You can always find reasons to work. There will always be one more thing to do. But when people don't take time out, they stop being productive. They stop being happy, and that affects the morale of everyone around them.

Carus Bianchi

Don't ask yourself what the world needs; ask yourself what makes you come alive. And then go and do that. Because what the world needs are people who have come alive.

Harold Whitman

We just want to do our shit and that's it.

Graphitti in Copenhagen

Work should always be fun for all colleagues. We only have one life. A third of life is work. Without fun, work becomes hell.

Ingvar Kamprad, founder of IKEA

Creating peak experiences for employees and customers is a no-brainer. You gotta do it.

Chip Conley, CEO, Innr by Wyndham

Here is how I know someone is successful: If you are able to give from your abundance then you are successful.

Fred Gratzon

Work is much more fun than fun.

Noel Coward

Work had to be enjoyable on a daily basis. We all had to come to work on the balls of our feet and go up the stairs two steps at a time. We needed to be surrounded by people who could dress whatever way they wanted, even be barefoot. We all needed to have flextime to surf the waves when they were good and take care of a sick child. We needed to blur that distinction between work and play and family.

Yvon Chouinard, founder of Patagonia, in his excellent book

Let My People Go Surfing

Work is either fun or drudgery. It depends on your attitude. I like fun.

Colleen C. Barrett, Former President for Southwest Airlines

To find joy in work is to discover the fountain of youth

Pearl S. Buck, author

Fun is at the core of the way I like to do business and it has been the key to everything I've done from the outset. More than any other element, fun is the secret of Virgin's success.

Richard Branson, founder of Virgin

There is a vitality, a life force, an energy, a quickening, that is translated through you into action, and because there is only one of you in all time, this expression is unique. And if you block it, it will never exist through any other medium and will be lost.

Martha Graham

Love and work are the cornerstones of our humanness.

Sigmund Freud

Not too long ago my youngest son told me "I'll do anything to make some money". I said "OK, I'll give you 5 bucks if you pick up all the dog poo in the garden". "Yuck, he said, I'm not taking a shitty job like that".

Anders Thorbjorn

My greatest strength as a leader is that I can understand the different needs of different people.

Lars Kolind

1. We must treat our clients so well that they keep coming back and also recommend to others to become clients.

2. We must treat our employees so well that they look forward to coming to work every day and are proud to say where they work.

3. We must make enough money to fulfill the first two goals.

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The supreme accomplishment is to blur the line between work and play.

Arnold J. Toynbee

Each individual should work for himself. People will not sacrifice themselves for the company. They come to work at the company to enjoy themselves.

Soichiro Honda, founder of (surprise!) Honda

Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle.

Steve Jobs, co-founder of Apple

The fellows who groan and sweat under the weary load of toil that they bear never can hope to do anything great. How can they when their souls are in a ferment of revolt against the employment of their hands and brains? The product of slavery, intellectual or physical, can never be great.

Mark Twain

I don't want to wake up in the morning and dread going to work. The first time I feel that I can't be myself in my job, I'm gone. Employers need to understand that.

Leticia Gonzalez, a 23-year old San Diego restaurant employee

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