

# HOW MUCH DO YOU LOVE YOUR JOB

You may not give your computer screen an embarrassingly gushing smile and you might not write little love notes during your lunch break. But, there are ways to tell if you love your job.

Of course, no job is perfect -- even the best of relationships have their down days. We all have to do things we don't like. Even I have "off" days where I'm not spending all my time doing things I absolutely love. So, all of the following may not be the case all of the time... but when you love your job, *many* of the following should be the case *much* of the time :

## 1. You don't talk about other people; you talk about the cool things other people are *doing*.

"I hear Mary is heading up a new project. What are they working on?" "I'd love to know how Mike managed to rescue that customer relationship." "Sherry developed a new sales channel; is there some way we can leverage that?"

When you love your job you don't gossip about the personal failings of others. You talk about their successes, because you're happy for them -- and because you're happy with yourself.

## 2. You think, "I hope I *get to*..." instead of, "I hope I don't *have to*..."

When you love your job it's like peeling an onion. There are always more layers to discover and explore.

When you hate your job it's also like peeling an onion -- but all you discover are more tears.

## 3. You see your internal and external customers not as people to satisfy but simply as people.

They aren't numbers. You think of them as real people who have real needs.

And you gain a real sense of fulfillment and purpose from taking care of those needs.

## 4. You enjoy your time *at work*.

You don't have to put in time at work and then escape to life to be happy. You believe in enjoying life *and* enjoying work.

When you love your job, it's a part of your life. You feel alive and joyful not just at home -- but also at work.

## 5. You would recommend working at your company to your best friend...

In fact, you can't stop talking about how cool your company is and the awesome work you're doing even when you're away from work.

## 6. You enjoy attending meetings.

No, seriously, you enjoy meetings. Why? Because it's fun to be at the center of thoughtful, challenging discussions that lead to decisions, initiatives, and changes -- changes you get to be a part of.

## 7. You don't think about surviving. You think about winning.

You don't worry much about losing your job. You're more worried about not achieving your potential. Not being as impactful as you can.

## 8. You see your manager as a person you work *with*, not *for*.

You feel valued. You feel respected. You feel trusted.

## 9. You don't want to let your coworkers down.

Not because you'll get in trouble or get a bad performance review, but because you admire them – and you want them to admire you.

## 10. You hardly ever look at the clock.

You're too busy making things happen. When you do look at the clock, you often find that the time has flown.

## 11. You view success in terms of fulfillment and gratification – not just promotions and money.

Everyone wants to be promoted. Everyone wants to earn more.

You definitely feel that way too... but somewhere along the way your job has come to mean a lot more to you than just a paycheck. And if you left this job, even if for a lot higher salary... you would still miss it a lot.

## 12. You leave work with items on your to-do list you're excited about tackling tomorrow.

Many people cross the “fun” tasks off their to-do lists within the first hour or two.

You often have cool stuff – new initiatives, side projects, hunches you want to confirm with data, people you want to talk to – left over when it's time to go home.

## 13. You help without thinking.

You like seeing your colleagues succeed, so it's second nature to help them out. You pitch in automatically.

And they do the same for you.

## 14. You don't think about retirement... because retirement sounds boring [retirement here means, everyday retirement from office – leaving time] and a lot less fulfilling.

## How many of the above statements apply to you and your job?

### **IF YOU SAID:**

**0-3 : You may want to find a new job. Life is too short.**

**4-6 : You don't hate your job... but you don't love it either. What can you do differently?**

**7-10 : You really enjoy your job and the people you work with**

**11-14 : You are deeply, madly in **love** with your job! (and your friends are jealous!) -**

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