



## Tips for Practical Job Search Advice

It can be difficult to find a job yourself. But, in today's changing job market, throwing yourself in the fire and doing everything you can in order to find the right job is in your best interest, especially if you want to land the ideal job. Start by finding out what kind of experience and skills you have. Think about the skills that you have which best translates to finding a position that suits you. Examine the knowledge you've gained and the paths you've taken.

Don't forget about your life outside of work. What are some of the things that you enjoy doing? Perhaps, there is an opportunity there that you have overlooked. Even some activities that may seem commonplace can set you apart from your peers in the eyes of a HR Manager. For instance, starting your own sports league may show your commitment to organization and communication. Below are some practical job search advice tips.

### **Leadership**

This is not just the ability to lead, but the ability to bring others together to collaborate on a project and get that project done in a timely manner. Managers want to see leadership qualities in new hires. That's why they look for people with past experience managing people. If you have that experience, then all the better for you. But if you don't, you should definitely try to acquire some.

### **Initiative**

Now is the time! That's right, no more resting on your laurels. Instead get yourself out there and start looking under every nook and cranny in order to find that job that you want. Don't be passive in your job search. Be proactive and call up HR Managers or find out everything you can about your prospective company.

### **Problem Solving**

Be a problem solver. Are you seeing nothing but shady door-to-door sales jobs? Then look somewhere else or just don't go on those interviews. You know it's not going to be what they say it is, so why are you wasting your time! Stop immediately and focus on finding a solution to your problem.

### **Flexibility**

Be flexible and wear as many hats as you can. Some people will tell you that it's best to focus on one aspect of your career, but if you are multi-talented why not use that to your advantage. If you have multiple skills, you should use them to find a job that suits you.

### **Commitment and Motivation**

Be committed to your job search and stay motivated. Of course, you could feel down. Who doesn't? But that doesn't mean that you have to let those feelings overwhelm you. Your job search may be on-going but if you keep a *positive attitude* and work through the tough times, you will find something that you want.

### **Interpersonal Skills**

Use that personality. Ask people at social events if they know of anything or ask your friends on FaceBook. Don't be afraid to ask about potential jobs. Sure it's tough for a lot of people right now but there are still jobs available if you use your personality to find them.

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