

## **How to develop a career goal**

One of the biggest challenges that young future professionals have been facing for quite some time now is devising a career goal for themselves. Not that developing one is a tough call, but the career options are so many that confusion becomes almost too inevitable and they end up making regretful mistakes. Sometimes the hardest things to find are those that are lying right under your nose, but you can't find them because you are looking everywhere else. The process therefore calls for a little tact and lots of self analysis.

While it is true that professional success is determined by how you steer your life towards one particular direction, the fact remains however, that doing so without making any changes is a rather uncommon practice. A majority of people have, for some reason or the other, made career changes at some point of time in their professional lives. A good number of career researches have revealed that there are many people who long for change from their current line of work due to dissatisfaction. To avoid finding yourself in such a situation you need to develop a career goal. The trick lies in analysing yourself thoroughly to interpret your dreams and realising them as your direction in life.

Some very wise men -- apparently enlightened by experience -- have admitted that making a career out of something you love doing will bring you happiness and success, not to mention financial growth as well in the long run. That's because you will be getting better and better in your work, induced by your interest and expertise in your respective professional zones. However, it is here that you should understand the basic difference between skill and talent. While skill is an acquired ability that can be achieved in most areas, talent is something that you are born with. It is important for you to know whether skill or talent defines your passion and drives you ahead in life. You need to ask yourself, more than once, if you don't get the answers right away -- Where do you want to see yourself after ten years? What kind of a profession will give you inner peace of mind? Which career are you best suited for? Once you find your answers, you will be wise enough to move towards a direction with your dreams and passions to give you company.

There is a possibility that you might end up with more than one career choice, because your talent and interests would direct you towards more than one profession. In such a case, it would be best to make a comparative study or experience firsthand to find out which career shows better prospects and clicks with your passion. But before taking the plunge, don't forget to look up for job searching techniques to be fully prepared. Do your homework and come up with a resume that portrays the real you, taking care that it is totally saleable in the present day market. Do all these, and you are well on your way to take on the professional world.