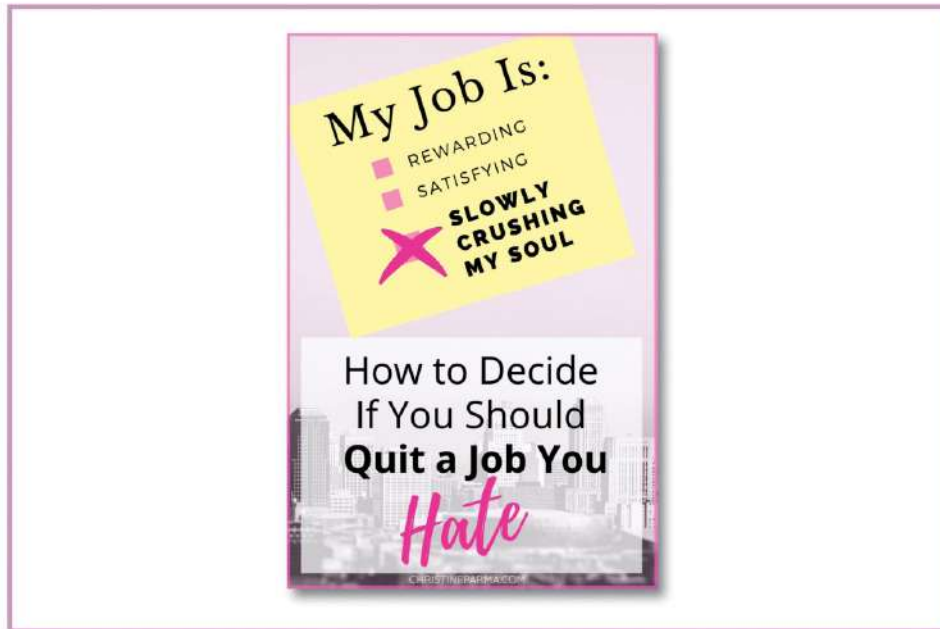


## Chapter 6

# WHY FOLLOW YOUR PASSION IS A BAD IDEA?


**6****WHY FOLLOW YOUR PASSION IS A BAD IDEA?****Passion or Capability**

It is terrible advice when people all around tell us to follow your passion if you are unhappy with your job; people say that you should find something as per your passion and follow your passion so that you have a happy job.



Successful people like Jack Ma, they say stay hungry and follow your dreams, follow your passion. Now in this chapter let's be a non-conventional and I'm going to share with you why I think following your passion is not something we can take as it is.

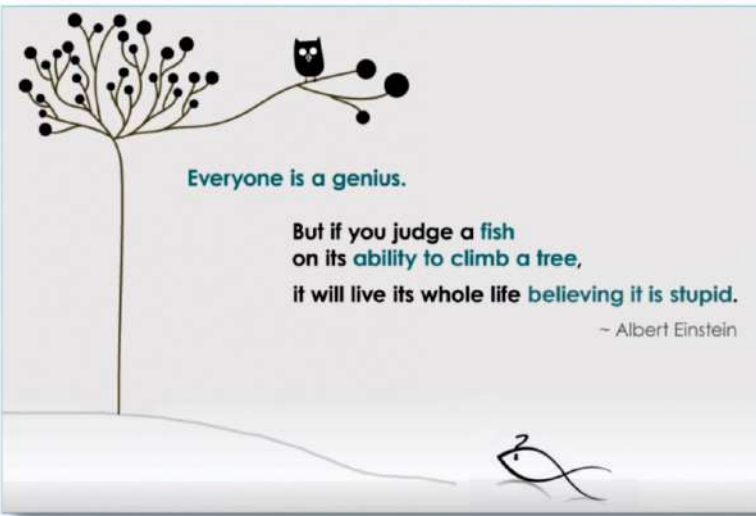
## Keep Calm and Stay The Course



*Here's the thing...*

- Importance of Persistence*
- Value of Encouragement*
- Need of Motivation*
- Take a step back and honestly check,*
- Passion == Capability?*

Follow your passion and understand the importance of persistence, the value of encouragement, and the need to stay on course and to get self-motivated. Now the thing is to take a step back and honestly check whether your passion reflects your capability. Capability refers to doing something well. For example, if you have watched any live show or contest, so many aspirants come up with great expectations only to have that dreams crush, burn and crash because the judges say you are just not meant for this.



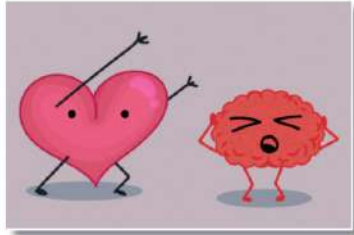
**Everyone is a genius.**

**But if you judge a fish  
on its ability to climb a tree,  
it will live its whole life believing it is stupid.**

~ Albert Einstein

Another thing is if you judge a fish on its ability to climb a tree it will forever live its whole life believing it is stupid and this is a quote by Albert Einstein.

### The truth had to be told



*Here's another thing...  
 Passion ≠ Capability  
 Hobby?  
 Let passion led you  
 Making a Living?  
 Something you don't suck at*

Everyone is a genius and has a unique capability. But sometimes you are not capable of your passion. The thing is passion is a top 30 separate thing from capability. If you are choosing a hobby then by all means let passion leads you. But if you are trying to make a living, then better to do something you don't suck at because if you lead by the passion and ignoring your capability, your ability to do something well, you might be very lesser focused on pursuing your passion and your passion is only one.

*Legitimate Skills People  
 or Employers Will Pay  
 For Which You Didn't  
 know existed*



At the same time, if you don't look around, you might have missed 10 are the legitimate skills that you have that other people or even companies or employers are willing to pay for, which you didn't know about or you didn't know even existed. So, do not be blind and just look one direction to pursue your passion. Look around and evaluate what other capabilities that you are good at the things you deliver, and the things that people praise you because you do very well. In retirement planning, you want to retire from something to doing something. I don't want you to retire to do something. Follow your passion. In the end, after years of trying that something is not something that people are willing to pay for. In other words, there is no commercial value.



Now you also have to understand that when people say you follow your passion, naturally you will have happiness in your job. A job or a vocation whatever aspect you look at it, the job or the vocation of the crafts of the trade itself has very little happiness or very little to do with it. Your happiness comes from making a difference in people’s life. Your happiness comes from being appreciated by your clients. Being respected by the people around or by the people who appreciate your service, your expertise, and also adding value to people’s lives and solving people’s equations and problems. These are the things that deliver happiness.

It is about these things that you can achieve in your vocation or your job is not too absurd to say that happiness is an inside job. Imagine if everyone just wants to do jobs that normally society thinks as a good career as a job, for say, Doctors lawyers, or engineer. If everyone is working and capable at that job, then, who will take the role to clean? For example cleaners and sweepers. All jobs are not the same and we are too narrow-minded to think that only jobs like lawyers and doctors are the ones that can bring us happiness.

**How to wisely manage passion and capability**



Doing your best requires a combination of all these factors. You must do what you love and if possible

you must do it well. If you really can't do what you love is something that you really can't do well then you have to shift your mindset. Maybe something that you can do well is something the world needs and when the world needs it, it means natural means. This is something people are willing to pay you for it.



How to wisely manage your passion and capability as they have covered, it is a separate thing. Passion is too important to be without but it is too fickle to follow blindly around. Don't be led blindly by your passion. Also, consider your capability. Never get let blindly by a passion but always bring it together.



Now think of this example. Sometimes the best strategy is counter-intuitive. For example when you look at this image, on the green button if they ask you to press red to stop and the other button asks the press green button to stop. But what we know is green is normally stop and red is normally stopped. So the analogy is if you have a passion for example, in charity you don't have to quit your high paying career or vocation to be involved directly in charity work. You can still keep or still doing your high paying career or vocation but instead, you channel the money that you earn the monetary resources into charitable causes rather than being hands-on charity work itself. I think that is going to make a whole lot more impact than being in a charity without any monetary means.