Common misconceptions about work, career, and good life

Many people have troubles with their lives, careers, and work. All these come up because people have some strange ideas of what they expect or they simply believe that what they are getting is not worth their efforts. The expectations, people have of work and their careers, shape their desires and when they are not met, then people end up blaming other people. As such, it is important to explore how different people have misconceptions about their careers, life, and work. It entails myths and certain beliefs of what people have before they go out in search of jobs or in terms of their career management.

Many people have such a belief that once they have graduated, their professional education ends with their last paper in college. This misconception costs people their future careers because they remain stagnant with no further knowledge of new things in their field of study. This is evident in how many young people overlook the need to attend seminars or other activities that may help boost their careers. Lack of professional advancement also hinders other interests that may help them build their careers and promotions. By doing so, they are in good position to remain updated in whatever field they are majoring in and it ensures that they secure their jobs in case of future competition.

Working on the careers is one of the things that should be of priority to those who love their life and wants to lead a good life. Many people tend to believe that having a job means being reluctant in developing their career. It is not the case as it puts them at risk of losing their
job if anything were to happen. Networking and keeping their records up to date is very important in securing of their career. When one fails to do this, the person might end up blaming other people of racism or discrimination yet it is their own shortcomings that are hindering them from achieving their heart’s desires.

Many candidates, when going for a job interview, have the misconception that a person who will get the job is the one with the best qualification. This is not normally the case as many people have a chance of getting the job as long as they work on self-marketing, which entails presenting the best qualities about them. Preparing themselves for the interview and convincing the employers that they are indeed the best for the job will guarantee them a place in the organization rather than sitting back and depending on their papers to work their magic (Pickett 67).

Good life is the desire of every young person in college and many people have their own lifelong dreams of what they expect when they grow up and start earning their own money. With this in mind, many people going for interviews do not negotiate when they are given a figure as their salary once they get a job. Most will assume that the employers will offer them the best salary they can. This is however not the case as they always expect the candidate to negotiate for a better figure that will guarantee a better life than the one before getting the job.

Having a job and always doing good at whatever assignment they are given is never a guarantee that their work and career are secure. In this fast and ever-changing world, no careers are secure unless people take an initiative personally to make sure that their career is secure. It is always up to the person to make sure that in case of a merger, downsizing or an outsourcing he or she has alternatives that will still earn him or her good money and guarantee good life.
People’s career path is their responsibility and the common misconception that their career path is that the management of their employer is outdated. There is a need for one to take bold steps and make sure that his or her career is successful by becoming actively involved in shaping it and directing it on a positive note. This may involve getting the services of people who have more experience about their work or getting help from other people they deem as important in helping them get on with life and make a positive change in it. It may include professional career consultants who will give them insights on what they need to undertake to be successful. Networking is also an important aspect that many people forget in their career management. People always assume that there is no need to network, as their current jobs are satisfying hence no need to expand their territories. It always costs such people a lot as they may lose their jobs and have nowhere to turn to (Pickett 78).

Having the belief that there is one job that is perfect for them is another common misconception that people have in regards to their careers and work. This is not entirely true as there are many options that can fulfill the career goals one has in mind. Having various options helps the one to bounce to the best alternative available and be satisfied. It is also important to note that whatever the person majors in college will not guarantee his or her career. This is the common misconception among young people when they are in college. It is always good to understand that there are many available options to turn if things do not work out as expected. It is, therefore, important to understand that one career in a lifetime is not always applicable to everybody. Building it and taking it to another level should be a priority for anyone who wishes to prosper.
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