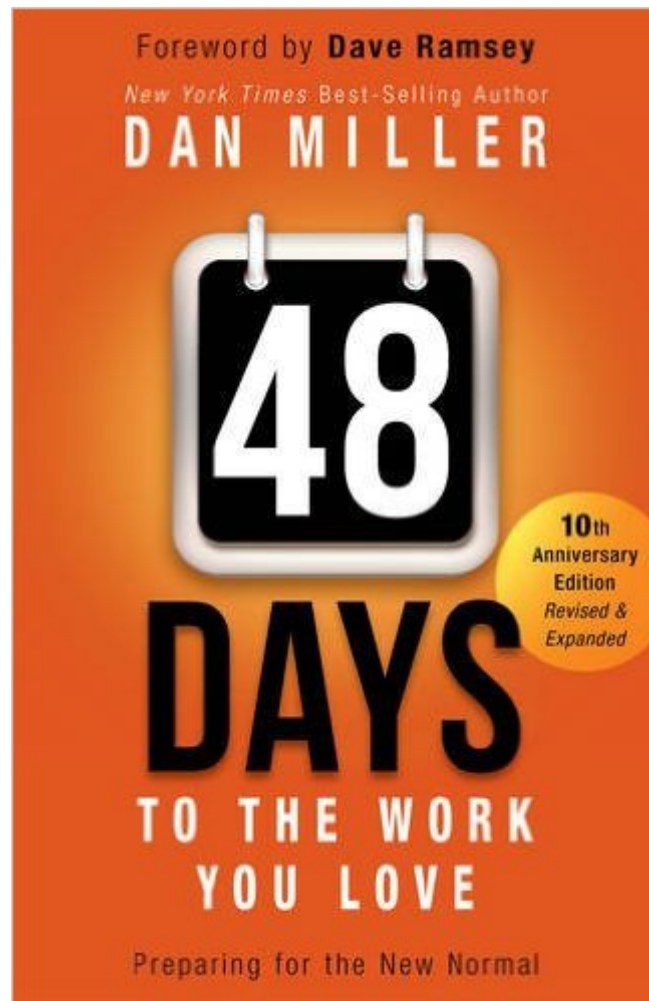


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48 Days To The Work You Love: Preparing For The New Normal



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In Any Economy, It Pays to Discover Your Calling

According to financial expert Dave Ramsey, a few categories of our lives define us and grow us spiritually, emotionally, relationally, and as people. Our work is one of those defining areas. Sadly, a job is what most people settle for. But as Dan Miller so powerfully points out in *48 Days to the Work You Love*, a calling lights up your life.

As a leading vocational thinker, New York Times best-selling author Dan Miller helps you better understand and organize your God-given skills, personality traits, values, dreams, and passions. In turn, you'll see clear patterns form that point you toward successful career decisions. Packed with modern insight and timeless wisdom, here is a step-by-step process for creating a Life Plan and translating it into meaningful, satisfying daily work.

With plenty of smart ideas for thriving in today's changing workforce, this revised edition also includes fresh tips on career search and resume tools, interview skills, negotiating salaries, and more.

With both updated and brand new content, you will find everything you need to move you toward finding work that you love in just 48 Days. Let the Countdown Begin!

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Customer Reviews

I read Jon Acuff's book *Quitter* in the spring. It was an interesting book that had many pointers that I could use. Maybe people referred to Dan Miller's book as having more substantial and sequential instructions on how to accomplish your goals. So I got his book next. First let's be clear. This book is not a magic wand or lottery ticket. It's not going to automatically give you what you want. What the book does accomplish is to help you realize why you aren't happy with your job and how to

determine your innate potential. Miller destroys the myth that work sucks, everybody hates their job and everyone is looking forward to retirement. That was the way I was raised. It was the way my parents were raised, my grandparents, we can go on and on. Reading the book helped me understand my feelings better. Then it went beyond that. He does give you guidance on how to go about doing what you love. I have to disagree with the gentleman who gave the book a 1 star because he "couldn't quit his 6 figure job because...." and Dan Miller doesn't give him a solution. It's not really his job to help you figure out how to make as much money and pay off your debt. It's really his job to help you realize what you really want to do and how to go about getting that job. He gives a great example of the ER doctor who wanted to drive trucks. I'm betting he had as much debt and made as much money as the attorney. The ER doctor doesn't quit his job completely and throw away all of his schooling, he worked part time on the weekends in the ER, when he wanted to and spent his week days happily driving a truck. It really comes down to what do you want to accomplish and what are the steps necessary to do that and this book meets that criteria. So you can spend the rest of your life talking about what you can't do or you can change course and realize what you want to do.

Cliché sounding, I know. But I was a miserable employee of an IT company for a few years. I used the methods in this book to land a better gig, and then transition into fully working for myself doing something that better aligns with who I am. This book is more of a workbook than a lecture. But it totally works, step by step. I actually received 8 interviews in a week after using the principles in this book to perform my job search. I had my pick of the litter :) But beware - If you follow the steps in this book, do the work, and change your thinking, you'll likely change your life. And some people just aren't good with change.

I thought this book was a little behind the times with some of its language. When suggesting a booming economy and unlimited opportunities (not quotes or exact wordage) it was obviously talking about a different era. On the other hand he offers great advice and some interesting interview questions for the applicant. I specifically like his negative view on objectives as a section for your resume. I would definitely suggest this book and while you're at it read the power of who and Fired to hired all back to back and you will be on your way to the work you love.

This book will help you if you're looking for a traditional job. It contains advice on resume writing and job search tactics, and a thorough section on interviewing skills. But if "the work you love" is

nontraditional--freelance work or self-employment--look elsewhere. Despite the author's admission that "the new normal" includes more such work, the job-hunting sections assume that "work" means a place on a corporate payroll. There are only two chapters about self-employment. The first spends a lot of time convincing you it can be done--but doesn't give details about how. The other offers a bunch of anecdotes, but no tactics for starting a business or advice for freelancers. The sections on self-discovery -- figuring out who you are and what kind of work might be "the work you love" are also pretty flimsy. So look elsewhere if you're trying to discover what work is a good fit for you. Some parts of this book are quite inspirational, but ultimately I can't recommend it. In addition to scattered typos ("tot" instead of "to" -- in all-caps, no less -- an r missing from "unfortunately"), there's a clear lack of proofreading and fact-checking. The average time Americans spend in a job is variously given as 2.2 years and 3.2 years. One of them may be right, but which? Most troubling to me is the repetition of the myth that claims Sir Ernest Shackleton placed a terse classified ad to recruit a South Pole expedition crew. It only takes a Google to learn that this anecdote is unsubstantiated, despite the best efforts of members of The Antarctic Circle organization to prove it. [...] Miller's inclusion of this misinformation leads me to wonder what else in the book may be incorrect.

Seriously, *48 Days to the Work you love* was a game changer for my family. While we were struggling with medical issues, drowning in medical debt, and suffocating in consumer debt my company closed its doors. We were devastated emotionally and financially. How were we ever going to get out of this mess especially in a downturned economy? When I read Dan's book I was the scared mom of four kids. My lack of confidence in ever being able to find work in what seemed to be an impossible when unemployment hung in the double digits and everyone around us knew of someone being unemployed for long periods of time. After reading Dan's book, I put the wheels of focus, attitude, and action in motion. After 3 months, I not only had a job offer, but I had 3 solid offers, with MANY second interviews and first interviews in the pipeline. I also gained the courage to negotiate what I wanted in compensation and time off so that I had increased my former salary. Dan was definitely a part of the success my family had of paying off over \$150k worth of debt and cash flowing over \$30k worth of medical in 3 years. I recommend Dan's book to anyone who is looking to gain the employment they desire.

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