



you & your vocation

FINDING YOUR VOCATION

The seeds of your true self are born within you, they are unique to you. This helps give you a unique purpose and talents you can give to the world and to others. Your call comes from within and you get a better idea of what this calling is in a number of ways, mostly by getting out there and experiencing life and making note of things which interest you, which come easier to you and which you take the initiative on to explore fully.

Unfortunately as we progress, our true self can get bogged down by the influence and expectations put on us by the culture and world around us and sometimes by ourselves. We get sorted, labeled and placed in slots. Our normal desire for approval, prestige and security also lead us to choose majors and career paths more out of a sense of expediency than what we really want.

Often as time goes by and you have had a wide variety of experiences do you then feel a sense of confidence and clarity and are then in a better position to match your passion and interest with your experience and ability to embark on a successful career path. You will then embrace your calling and not worry so much about what others say you ought to do.

All of this will happen to you, all you have to do is be patient. It may have happened when you were

younger or in high school, or could happen here at Concordia University Chicago, or at some point after you graduate. Whenever it happens, you will realize it. You just need to be patient, but don't sit still. It will not hit you like magic, you need to understand right now that you are in charge of your life and career. You need to take it into your heart to pursue every opportunity to gain experience and ability. That means working part time jobs while in school, volunteering at home or church or at school, interning as often as you can. Seek out and use the resources your professors and Concordia-Chicago staff have, not to mention family and friends.

YOU CAN DO THIS!

Rule of thumb: Right now if you don't have a passion that you are dying to follow, major in something practical with various applications. You will discover a passion later in life, but in the meantime, you will increase your odds of finding a well-paying position.

And, if you do have a passion for something, follow it. There are well-paid people in every field and life is too short to pass up an opportunity to work at something you love.

- **Whatever you do, do it well.** The best people in any profession will always work
- **Form relationships.** Work with Career Services, your professors and your advisors.

Finding your unique purpose and talents you can give to the world and to others takes patience.

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