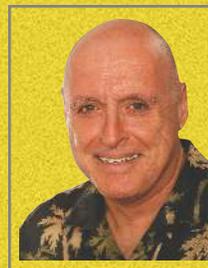


# THE EXTRA POINT

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## # 762 13 Thoughts About Work

Thirteen quotes today about work. Thirteen thoughts we might do well to think a bit about today. That's coming next, on The Extra Point.

Thirteen thoughts about work from 13 people in varying walks of life. Let's see what you think about what they spent time thinking about.

Rocket scientist Albert Einstein once said: "Three Rules of Work: Out of clutter find simplicity. From discord find harmony. In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity."

From inventor Thomas A. Edison: "Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."

Automaker Henry Ford was thinking along the same lines: "Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is probably the reason why so few engage in it."

Poet Robert Frost wasn't far off the previous two: "The world is full of willing people; some willing to work, the rest willing to let them." Maybe Frost foresaw our incredibly low worker engagement rates from.

Actor Tom Hanks: "If it wasn't hard, everyone would do it. It's the hard that makes it great." Got that? It's the hard that makes it great.

Art critic John Ruskin offered this: "The highest reward for a person's toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it."

Writer and journalist Alistair Cooke said this: "A professional is someone who can do his best work when he doesn't feel like it." Think about it. When you're at a low point or just not with it, you can still perform at a high level. Nobody knows what you're dealing with. You deliver value because that's who you are.

Irish playwright and poet Oscar Wilde told us: "The best way to enjoy your job is to imagine

yourself without one."

Businessman Andrew Carnegie once described teamwork this way: "The fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results." If you're part of a good team, it's something special. I hope you appreciate the unique place you're in.

I love this one. Industrialist Henry J. Kaiser left this gem: "When your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt."

Playwright, critic, and activist George Bernard Shaw was thinking of value when he said: "A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing."

Bruce Mau is a Canadian designer and innovator, and he said: "Today is the child of yesterday and the parent of tomorrow. The work you produce today will create your future."

Mary Kay Ash built a direct sales cosmetics company, and I've always loved this one: "Pretend that every single person you meet has a sign around his or her neck that says, 'Make me feel important.' Not only will you succeed in sales, you will succeed in life." She knew that the way to win in work and life is to win with people.

There you have it, thirteen thought-provoking ideas about the world of work. I hope there's something you can get your teeth into.

That's The Extra Point. Be responsible and make something good happen today. For 93.3 and the Ray Gibson Show, I'm Jerry Roberts.

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