

THE EXTRA POINT

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1220 Teaching the Value of a Great Work Ethic — Part 2

Yesterday, we got into the topic of work ethic, through the words of Mike Rowe, the host of the Discovery Channel series, *Dirty Jobs*. We continue today, with the thoughts of some of the people who responded to what Rowe had to say. I think some of their opinions are equally valuable. I'm Jerry Roberts, and that's next, on The Extra Point.

In Extra Point #1219, given yesterday, we had this quote from Mike Rowe, host of Discovery Channel's show, *Dirty Jobs*:

"Work ethic is important because, unlike intelligence, athleticism, charisma, or any other natural attribute, it's a choice."

Today, I want to present some of the reactions to his opinion.

Arthur said: *"Work ethic wasn't taught to us, it was shown. Everyday, sick, hurt, didn't make a difference. Out the door he went in all types of weather, my father went to work. All eight of us followed his example."*

We are the example for the kids in our family. If we're not, then it's their friends, or God forbid, social media.

Johnnie said: *"My mother used to say she'd much rather teach a class of "I will", rather than "IQ".*

Suzanne offered this: *"My generation was raised to work for what you wanted and needed. Nothing is free...unless there is a catch to it."*

The pandemic taught us this lesson. There's always a catch. Shutting down the economy when it wasn't necessary, then printing trillions of dollars in benefits, has led to the inflationary economy we have now. There's always a catch.

Carl stated: *"I'm 71 years old and I still work five days a week, because I enjoy working. It keeps me moving and healthy."*

Older folks, if you're physically able, get back in the work force. You've got a ton to offer employers who need you.

Paulene had this to say: *"My generation had no option, we were brought up to realize one gets no satisfaction in gaining something for nothing. And as my grandmother always said, "Idle hands will find mischief!"*

Warren said: *"Work Ethic is a forgotten art."*

Michael commented about work ethic: *"My daughter says its a genetic disorder I passed on to her. I rather think she learned by example."*

Linda had this: *"The advice my dad gave to me when I started my first job was, 'Always do more than they expect.' I always did."*

Never mind the business of under-promising, just focus on over-delivering.

Dave expanded the conversation with this: *"True, but so is the decision to not pay a decent day's pay for a decent day's work...and to treat employees as people who are spending the hours of their lives working for you with the consideration they deserve."*

Absolutely. Work ethic and employer fairness must go hand in hand.

Derek said: *"Hard work beats talent, when talent doesn't work hard."*

This is an incredible lesson for young people to learn. Talent will only take you so far. A big-time work ethic is an incredible asset.

Finally, Jack added something that certainly got my attention. He said: *"Those who didn't see it in their parents are at a disadvantage. So, not sure about it being a choice if you've never seen it."*

(Con't.)

This gets us back to our initial point. John Maxwell says: *“A leader is someone who knows the way, goes the way, and then shows the way.”*

In your household, you’re the leader, you’re the example. Be the example you want your kids to learn from.

Help them develop a strong work ethic, and you’ve given them a gift that will pay off not just throughout their lives, but they’ll teach their children, too.

Let me leave you with these words, and it’s from an anonymous source: *“Don’t give them all the things you wished you had growing up...teach them all the things you wish you’d known.”*

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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