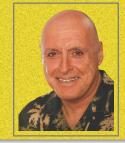
THE EXTRA POINT

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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 had 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 bigtime 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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