2BC Employment Connection

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord not for human masters". Colossians 3:22-24

Whether a new job was on your holiday wish list, or your new year's resolution is to take a step forward in your career, we have **5** tips for job searching in 2015.

Professional Polish Up

When January rolls around, the number of people looking for jobs usually increases. Want to stand out from other candidates? Polish up your professional life. Not sure where to start? Work on updating your resume, contact your references, and join a professional group or association. Consider reviewing your social media profiles and online activity so you know what information about yourself is in cyber space if a hiring manager were to search your name.

Stay True to Yourself

Do you really want to pursue a career in that industry or company, or is someone else influencing your decision? Remember that it's your career, and you're going to be the one going to work, not anyone else. Studies show that people who follow their own path, rather than someone else's, are much happier in their personal and professional life.

Be Proactive

Although it's possible that a hiring manager might contact you about a position, the reality is you'll most likely need to reach out and express your interest in a company or position. Although you don't want to be aggressive or demanding, sending an email or picking up the phone and getting in touch with a hiring manager at a company you want to work for shows you are interested.



Be Prepared for Job Interviews

When you get that job interview, make sure you're prepared to wow the interviewer. At the end of the interview, make the employer want to hire you. How do you do this? Focus on problems that you've solved in the past - have examples and numbers ready to provide the interviewer with the facts. Also, ask engaging questions about the position and company; when you leave the interview, you want the employer to want to hire you.

Remain Calm

Did you know that your ability to manage your emotions and stay calm under stress and pressure directly link to your performance? Job searching is a stressful process, and you may feel under pressure when you're interviewing for a job. Looking for ways to stay calm while job hunting? Stay positive, stop negative thoughts, ensure you get enough sleep and remember to breathe.

Start your 2015 job search on the right track by being proactive, and staying true to the type of job or career that you want. Don't forget to plan your job search strategy and be prepared to dive into the 2015 job hunt.



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