

Are you confused with what you want to do in life?

Jack of all Trades/Mastery of None

What is it like to be the jack of all trades, but the master of none? Is it fun? Is it exciting? Is it awarding? These are the questions that come to mind as I am writing this article.

My Professions

There are many professions that I have tried throughout my “professional career” such as technical writing, analyst, cryptologist, Instructional System Designer, Trainer, Curriculum Developer, Business Owner, and even Program Manager.

Am I Master?

However, to be a “master” I can safely say that I have not accomplished that feat in any of my career choices listed above. The only profession that I am come close is technical writer or an instructional system designer. Experts say to achieve this great level an individual needs to work at least 10,000 hours, which by my calculations is at least five years or so.

What is the Right Thing?

So, what is the right thing to? Listening to a couple of my favorite podcasts “Leadership Next” by Fortune Magazine’s Alan Murry and Ellen McGirt and the Futur by Chris Do, the trend is to interview guests who reach the level of mastery. During the interviews , guests who are masters of the professions give advice, to listeners like me on how to improve not only themselves but also their business. Sometimes the guest will talk about their experiences with their companies on how they were able to solve a crisis or get through difficult times. I really admire listening to those interviews. Sometimes I wonder how in the world did they do that? How can they be dedicated to the same thing for so long? Is it luck? Is it passion? These are great questions that I ask myself.

My Dilemma

However, with me, I wonder is there a passion out there that I can stick with until I reach mastery? That is a tough question I ask myself each and every day? It is too bad that there is no profession out there for me who loves to listen to music, go to the beach, sit at the local café, and drink coffee, or just travel. Those are a few things that I have a passion for. Other passions include take pictures, write, and think. I believe there is a career path for me for something I like to do, but I need to research a little more. What do you all think?