

A photograph of a small, white boat with a red hull, named 'NEW TITANIC', sailing on a body of water. The boat is heavily decorated with various items, including multiple flags (including the Indian national flag), colorful life preservers, and other nautical-themed ornaments. The boat has a canopy and appears to be a tour or festival boat. The background shows a clear sky and distant land.

10 Critical Career Mistakes and How to Avoid Them

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Career or Job?

The background of the image is a dark surface covered with numerous crumpled white pieces of paper. In the center, a hand is using a red marker to draw a path on a white grid. The path starts with a red dot on the left and moves in a series of right-angled turns, resembling a maze or a step-by-step progression. The path leads from the left towards the right side of the frame, ending with an arrowhead pointing right. The hand is positioned on the right side of the frame, holding the marker. The overall theme is about navigating through a complex or confusing situation to reach a goal, which relates to the text about career vs. job.

Job: short term. Agreement with another party for a specific time for a specific trade.

Career: long term pursuit requiring skills, training, experience mix. Passion. Fulfillment.



Defining Mistakes

An act or condition of ignorant or imprudent deviation from a code of behavior.

An act involving an unintentional deviation from truth or accuracy.

An act that through ignorance, deficiency, or accident departs from or fails to achieve what is true.

Finite event

Consequence of a choice



Defining Success

Peace
Equitable reward
Growth

1. Not Planning Our Career Path

A crumpled blue paper ball sits in the center of a spiral-bound notebook. The notebook page is covered with faint, hand-drawn sketches, including a large circle with lines radiating from it, a smaller circle with horizontal lines inside, and some abstract shapes. A black pen lies on the right side of the page. The background is a dark, textured surface.

“Failing to plan is planning to fail”

A. Lakein



2. Not Budgeting Appropriately

“A budget tells your resource where to go instead of wondering where it went.”
D. Ramsey



3. Believing it's Not Personal

Likability

The Business of People

Self Awareness



4. Underestimating Our Network

The Power of Relationships
Social Capital



5. Being Untruthful

Lies about skills, experiences or connections you don't have.

Underqualified? Apply!

6. Avoiding Difficult Situations

A photograph of two goats with large, curved horns facing each other in a grassy field. The goat on the left is brown, and the goat on the right is white with brown patches. The image has a torn paper effect at the bottom.

Prepare for difficult conversations

Monetizing educated risks



7. Becoming Complacent

Satisfaction with how things are.
Minimal motivation to improve.

Engaged, acceptance of now.

~~DON'T~~
~~QUIT~~

8. Quitting too Soon

Talent, skills and discipline.



9. Allowing Distractions

Distraction is anything that captures your mind away from your job or career.

Focus and discipline



10. Failing to Learn

Learn from the mistakes of others



How to Learn From Our Mistakes

Own Your Mistakes

**Reframe the
Error**

**Analyze Your
Mistake**

**Put Lessons Learned Into
Practice**

A hand is shown holding a glass of water, with a splash of water visible on the right side. The background is a solid light gray.

Mistakes We *Should* Be Making



Together We Have:

Identified the fundamentals and differentiators between success and mistakes; careers and jobs.

Highlighted the top behaviors that can jeopardize our career and their impact.

Understood the alternative actions to take to prevent/correct these career mistakes.

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