



MODULE 4

Seven Basic Facts



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Fact #2: Career opportunities are everywhere.

A “job” is simply a contract under which you apply your interests and abilities to help someone else solve his or her problems, and then receive money in return. To say there are no career choices is like saying there are no problems left to be solved, a statement which simply is not true. To be a successful job seeker in our rapidly changing employment market, you must take the responsibility for locating those employers whose problems you are prepared to solve.



Fact #3: More choices make it harder, not easier.

Having multiple opportunities is a mixed blessing. Which choice do you make? How do you know it's the "right" choice? What if you make a mistake? Every choice brings consequences, some of which you may expect and others you may not. Choices and the changes they bring about can be uncomfortable for a while. That is why many people simply choose to remain for years in jobs they have long since grown tired of, doing work that may have been challenging once, but has since become dull and uninteresting.



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Fact #4: Your success is your responsibility.

It has to be. No one can provide you with success and security. Your family and friends can't, the government can't, corporations can't and unions can't. You may get help along the way from any of these sources, and some people are more fortunate than others in that regard. Ultimately, however, your career success is up to you.



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Fact #5: No one is born knowing how to plan a career

We learned many things in school, but few of us learned how to make thoughtful and well-informed decisions about guiding our own careers. If we are to learn these things, we must start now.



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Fact #6: Career transition principles work.

Millions of people have applied the techniques we will pass along to you. These people, from every walk of life, have proven beyond all doubt that leaving or changing a job, whether by separation or by choice, was, ultimately, a positive experience. They have discovered, as you will, deep inner resources that can reignite a career.

Fact #7: There is no better time than right now to make a change.

In a distinct departure from the past, the workplace now is not as interested in your last job title as it is in what you can do. Your strengths are widely transferable within the workplace of today. Multiple jobs and multiple careers are no longer the rare exception; they are becoming the rule.





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With planning, persistent effort and the guidance of this program, you will discover resources within yourself and opportunities that will lead you to your next opportunity. If you have read this far, you have already begun your journey!