

BUILD YOUR RESUME



SUCCESS

EXPERIENCED

EMPLOYABLE

VALUED

WORK-ETHIC

CREATIVE

LEADER

STABLE

UNEMPLOYED

DEPENDABLE

JOB SEARCH PLATFORM

THE RIGHT WAY

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*“On the road during your job seeking journey,
it doesn’t matter how long it takes.
What’s more important is that you arrive at your destination.”*
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INTRODUCTION

I was released from the county workhouse in December 2008. As of this writing, that was three years ago. I was unemployed for two and a half years, but I didn’t stop working.

I applied for hundreds if not thousands of jobs, earned numerous interviews, and even garnered job offers, but my background check and other obstacles not my own, such as me being blacklisted, and under constant surveillance, always stood in the way.

While waiting for the right job to open up, I kept working on a pro bono basis, through my church, and a couple of private clients.

To keep my skills up, I used them in many ways. I designed a 100,000 square foot proposed church campus; programmed a database and connected it to an online job bank website I also designed; developed a call center application and built a new wide area network.

When the right job did open up, it was through networking, a referral, and offered by someone who’d had similar experiences as mine. It was a new company, and the position wasn’t funded yet, so I had to consider taking it, knowing that I had to help generate the sales necessary to solidify the company’s budget so I could earn a paycheck. So, for months, I only received a \$125 stipend every two weeks.

This is what I used to pay basic expenses, keep money flowing into my required restitution commitment, and keep myself groomed and always ready for interviews, job fairs, workforce centers and such.

When you're unemployed for a long stretch, you do what you have to do to survive.

My wife, who's been employed on her job 17 years to date, covered all the household expenses while I was looking for work. We've been together 28 years in August of 2012, and I'm grateful to her for using her resources to keep our family from becoming homeless.

It was the first time, in our history that she had to foot the bill. So it was a learning experience for her, as well as for me. When the head of the household is no longer the bread winner, even temporarily, things are out of God's order. Woman is given to man to be the helper, but today's modern woman has somewhat tossed that duty out the window, replaced by her independence.

Respect for an unemployed head of household with no income quickly goes out the window. It causes untold stress, uncertainty, and is often the source of many an argument, conflict, and misunderstanding.

When the head of the house is without the ability to provide for his family, it chips away at the very fabric of the family structure. And if you toss in having to ask your kids for anything, you rip the very word respect right from their mouths, and hearts, until you recover.

Even though my wife makes over \$60K year now, she understood two things. 1) Prior to my period of unemployment, I had always been a fantastic provider. We've raised two children together; ages 28 and soon to be 23; are guiding two grandsons ages 6 and 4; and lived in the lap of luxury for years, when I was able to provide such a lifestyle. 2) She started as a volunteer, unpaid, and is now director.

So, suffice to say, while these may be incredibly unique circumstances, your situation, has some positive aspects as well. You just need to take your focus off the job search for a moment, so you can see just how blessed you already are.

Let's take a look at how situations as bad as this, can change.

Chapter One

The Right Resume For the Right Job



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