

# Ten-Minute Career Planner from Wildfire

## Ten pointers for planning your career.



Each point takes 1 minute. Fine tune it later. This is just to get you thinking.  
These could be your best spent 10 minutes on your career this year:

### 1. What don't you have right now?

So what do you want?

Often we don't know what we want yet we do know what we don't want. So identify the "don't wants" and the opposite to them, to get you started on what you do want!

### 2. So, at and resulting from work what do you want ..

..to feel?

..to have?

..to be?

Play with ideas and just make it up...

### 3. What do you need....from your work

..to feel?

..to have?

..to be?

If you want a mansion you usually start with a smaller house and work your way up. Starting with your basic needs you can get closer, step-by-step, to what you want.



**4. Blending what you'd like with your fundamental needs, revise number 2 based on your answers from no.3**

**5. If you were fearless, what would you do right now to get the things in no.4 within your grasp?**

Fear keeps us trapped, be it a fear of being penniless, fear of losing our work status, fear of losing reputation or respect or even fear of losing friends. Whilst we're scared of losing we're less likely to have the courage to take bolder steps that may involve slight risk but could pay big dividends.

**6. What comes easily to you?**

**What do people ask you to do or leave for you to do**, because you're great at that type of task or challenge?

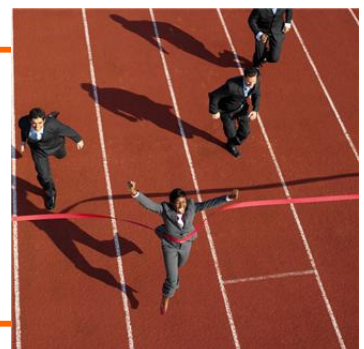
**What tasks do you love doing, at work or home, and know you do them well?**

The more you can match your talents and interests in and out of work, the more you may be tapping into your potential. It really is possible to spend the working day being passionate.

**7. Think of 5 ways of using the talents listed in no.6 to further your career.**

"Try on" new ideas and make them as wild as you like – you can tone them down later if they need taming.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.



**8. Choose 2 things from no.7 that you're going to do something about.** See if your answers in no.4 and no.5 help you to decide.

- 1.
- 2.

**9. Who can you share this with, who will keep you propelling forward?**

Who will you share with and exactly when?

**10. Why bother? Imagine being as far as your career could possibly take you.**

To be motivated to make something happen we need to be clear about why we want something.

So ***why is it worth it*** to make an effort?



- So, now you can have objectives for your career, deciding what you want to achieve in 1 year, 3 years and 5 years.
- Have quarterly targets towards these. Plan for manageable 8 week or 2 month goals.
- Fine tune your answers from numbers 1 to 10.

**Enjoy planning your career. It doesn't have to be complicated, just intentional!**

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