

5 Ways to Get Ahead at Work

Today we focus on your current financial income stream, your job. Your career and yearly income today are the engine that drives your finances. Success at work can improve your income and potentially your financial strategy and long-term goals. An article written by Daniel B. Kline, [“5 Ways to Get Ahead at Work.”](#), provides a great deal of advice. Let’s dive right in with the first suggestion from the article.

The first suggestion to get ahead at work is to **Share Credit**. Every project’s victory or success is a result of work by more than one person. Leaders should acknowledge team success and each member’s contribution. Publicly recognize the part that everyone played when celebrating success at work.

The article’s second piece of advice challenges us to **Be Willing**. There may be many talented people in your organization but be willing to volunteer, to take on the difficult or unpleasant tasks can separate you from the competition. Also being willing to learn new skills and take on new challenges will often catch the eye of your supervisor and can lead to better things in the future.

Kline’s next suggestion is to **Have Ideas**. Leaders are always looking for new ways to think or new innovations that can improve business processes and systems. Bring new ideas forward and be flexible about trying new systems or processes. Your new ideas could be a big asset to the entire organization.

Another suggestion is to **Help Others Grow**. The team is only as strong as its weakest member. If you can help another teammate grow the entire team improves. There is little benefit to you being the only member of the team with certain knowledge. By spreading that wealth of knowledge to the entire team, it not only takes pressure off you, it will also lead to the entire team being more productive. It’s a win-win scenario.

The final piece of advice from the article is to **Put in Time**. You could also call this one hustle. The baseball player who sprints down the first base line or dives for the slicing line drive often gets a round of applause just for working hard and making the effort. You don’t have to be the first to arrive and the last to leave, but you should often be at least one of the two. We’ve all heard that hard work pays off. It can increase both productivity and attention.

I think that the author of the article might have been taking that last point about working hard directly to heart because he added one more suggestion, which exceeds the five they mentioned in the title. The sixth suggestion is to **Win and Lose Graciously**. There may be situations where you feel that you’ve done everything you could to get ahead but still don’t get that promotion or opportunity. The article recommends handling both winning and losing by being gracious. Arrogance in victory, or bitterness in defeat, could impact your next promotion

or opportunity. And remember this quote from one of the most respected coaches of all time, Vince Lombardi;

“The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand.”

Or, to put it another way, using these tips can be their own reward. Your job and career are the engine for your monthly income vehicle today, tomorrow and in retirement. But it can also be a major factor in your daily wellbeing. Using tips like these and knowing that you’ve had a positive influence through your work, can be rewarding as well.

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