



Industrial Technology Virtual Learning

CTE/Work Ethic

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Machine Technology 1

Work Ethic – Perseverance

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Objective: Students who enter the manufacturing workforce must be taught the “ethics of work” in a way that relates to their personal lives as well as to the manufacturing environment that they will be a part of on a daily basis.

Bell Ringer

Do you have the will power to push through any tough job?

Why or why not?

Introduction

Unfortunately, our human nature can make us want the “shortcuts” in life. Shortcuts on the job, shortcuts in our relationships, and shortcuts with ourselves. Often, we don’t want to go THROUGH things but rather go AROUND them. We want to go UNDER them and not THROUGH them.

Introduction Continued

When it comes to life, often we have to go *THROUGH* things in order to move forward. **FORWARD** movement may be painful and often times comes with a price. But forward movement is movement in the right direction – ***no matter how slow the process.***

Introduction Continued

In this work ethic lesson, we will look at some situations in life and in work in which you HAD to or WILL HAVE to go through in order to move forward. Hopefully, you will see that good things can come out of difficult things we go through. ***Perseverance is a powerful thing.*** We don't want you to go AROUND or UNDER things but rather embrace them and learn to go THROUGH them.

Introduction Continued

Machining and welding business needs employees who are willing to go THROUGH. Willingness to go through changes, to take on difficult tasks, to embrace new ways of doing things, to humble themselves, to do what's right even when it's difficult, and especially a willingness to persevere when things are tough. At the end of the day, we need people willing to GO THROUGH because they know it will produce something good in the end.

Introduction Continued

There will be many times during your work career and life when things will be exceedingly difficult. The good that can come from these events will be greatly affected by your willingness to *go through* the situation and your willingness to *find the good* in the process. Precious metals such as gold and silver can only be purified and refined through intense heat and fire.

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But when the fire is over and the dross is removed, you have something beautiful and worth great value. I highly encourage you to not short-change yourself in life by not being willing to *go through the fire*. There *is* good on the other side of these fires, but that can only come from *going through* them.

Resource

Here are the resources that has been provided for you. These sites will help you answer some the questions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R72nPGJe0Rk>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_D7lbg-nkw

<https://www.industryweek.com/operations/continuous-improvement/article/21128859/better-problemsolving-through-perseverance>

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2019/02/perseverance-isn-t-down-to-personality-it-can-be-developed/>

Assignment

You will be writing a paper for this lesson. You are to write your thoughts to the following questions. 1 page typed is the format we will use. Proper spelling and punctuation are expected. All papers will be typed. No exceptions. You are to **freely give your opinion** even if your opinion disagrees with the teacher.

Make an effort and write a well thought out paper. In the real world of work you will be paid to give an excellent effort, each and every day. Marginal effort in the workforce results in you getting fired, your company suffering the consequences of your poor effort, and customers not getting what they deserve and paid for. So with that being said, start out with good work ethic on the papers you write.

Questions

1. Define the word PERSEVERANCE:

2. What is the most difficult work situation you have experienced up to this point in your life? Describe the details. What did you learn from it? Has any good come from the situation? Do you foresee any good coming from this situation?

Questions

3. What is the most difficult personal situation you have ever been through in life? Did you learn anything from this situation that will help you later in life on a personal level or in your career? If so, please describe what you learned and how you foresee it helping you.

4. Describe a situation in life that you clearly avoided or are in the process of avoiding because going THROUGH it would prove to be painful and difficult. Why have you chosen to go AROUND the situation instead of going THROUGH it? What did avoiding cost you or what will it cost you in the long run?

Questions

5. "*It's the hard that makes it good.*" is a saying often used. Do you agree with it? Describe something in life that has been hard, yet in a weird way has been oh so good.

6. Often, we go through difficult things in life and then end up helping others who go through similar circumstances. Describe a situation in life in which you had been through a difficult situation and were able to use your experience to help someone else?

Questions

7. As you look toward the future concerning your career or the job you want, what are you going to have to GIVE UP or GO THROUGH to get where you want to go?

8. Most times, it is very difficult to rejoice in our sufferings. But suffering can produce perseverance, character and hope. Do you agree with this? Explain your answer.

Questions

9. “Wisdom is a shelter as **money** is a shelter, but the advantage of wisdom is this: Wisdom preserves those who have it.” What do you think this means?

10. In our past work ethic assignments, we have talked about how the *love* of money and the *want* for material things can make us lose sight of what is really important in life. What is something special and enjoyable you would like to “do or have” that you will need to save for? Why is this so meaningful for you?

Questions

11. A very wise person once said, “Don’t be a slave to the lender”. What do you think this means for your life? What “things” do you think are “ok” to be in debt for?

12. Define the term “frugal”. Do you think living this way can be taken too far? Please explain.

Questions

13. What is something you regularly spend money on that is **not** needed and is actually excessive, wasteful, and/or addictive? (Example-Chew, lattes, junk food, Energy drinks, cigarettes, pop, candy, etc.)

14. **REAL LIFE SCENARIO:** You see an amazing deal on something you really like but surely do not need. You had not planned to purchase the item but the “deal” makes you seem crazy to pass it up. If you could afford it, would you buy it impulsively just because it was such a good deal? Yes or no and why?