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In modern society, people often prefer high paying jobs - government positions, sinecures, or social services - with little concern regarding their interest or happiness. This phenomenon, although seemingly practical for everyday living, is actually shallow and ineffective. Not only do people lose their interest and constantly long for the end of the day, they lose all their purpose and goals in life. What's more important in a job than salary, is passion. With passion comes fulfilling happiness and a desire to accomplish remarkable things. A prominent physicist, Dr. Antonio Nassar, a professor at Harvard University initially became a victim of the desire for high pay. Although he obtained a prominent position at Harvard, he had no happiness and was constantly struggling to form his own identity. Ultimately, after quitting his job and starting his own laboratory, Nassar was able to pursue his dreams and reach success - not only earning him the Nobel prize in physics, but also giving himself a true sense of worthwhile accomplishment.

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Dr. Nassar was a typical professor: daily lectures, homework, and tests revolved around his every day thinking. He dreaded the arrival of Mondays, while celebrated and drank champagne on Fridays. He was not happy at all. One day, however, a student approached him and began discussing research projects and opportunities in modern society to pursue <sup>his</sup> projects and achieve breakthroughs in science. After hours of talking, Nassar stared at the dull chalkboard and desks, soon realizing his big mistake. Life wasn't about the \$120,000 paycheck Harvard sent him each year, nor was it about the medical benefits and various insurance that came as complimentary bonuses. Life was about passion, spirit, and happiness. Nassar immediately resigned, left the campus, and searched for available positions in local research laboratories.

After months of searching, Dr. Nassar arrived at Blue Gate technologies, a leading firm in developing silicone chips. Although he wasn't paid nearly as much as before, Nassar started to love his job and looked forward to each and every day. Using his expertise, Nassar spearheaded the effort to develop new semi-conductors using "green" materials, a project which unbelievably earned him the nobel prize. When given the monetary award, he quickly donated the reward to a charity in "green" technologies, and returned to his laboratory to continue his research. Nassar was a changed man.

Most people in today's world should follow Dr. Nassar's example, to pursue a fulfilling job rather than a high-paying

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