

Five Ways to Reclaim Your Time



YOUR CURRENT EMPLOYER START HERE

Asking your current employer to let you work from home leaves your employer with the same hours of work for the same pay, while asking for a shorter week at the same salary raises what your employer pays for each hour of your work. Ask to work from home first.

Show how duties that require attendance would be covered. If you also ask for fewer hours, show which duties would be removed, reassigned, or done more efficiently.

ANOTHER EMPLOYER

Accepting a job with another employer at a higher salary can leave your family with less money each month, because family health insurance premiums and other deductions can differ by hundreds of dollars from one employer to the next.

Pursue work-from-home, nearby, or part-remote jobs in purchasing and reporting. Compare the amount that reaches your bank account, family benefits, working hours, and commuting before you accept.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF JOB

Your experience training colleagues may help you get a job teaching other companies to use purchasing software, but that job could exhaust you as much as your commute does now.

Before you commit to training, ask employers about evening launch work, travel, and how many client companies each person handles at once. Pay for training only to fill a specific gap an employer has named.

YOUR OWN BUSINESS

To replace your income, your own business must collect more than double your paycheck, because you would pay for your own business costs, taxes, health insurance, and retirement saving.

Start by finding out whether one company will pay you for a clearly defined purchasing-report assignment. No customer has paid you yet.

A PART-TIME JOB PLUS YOUR BUSINESS

Engaging in a part-time job plus attempting to manage your own customers leaves you working almost as many hours as a full-time work-from-home job.

Confirm the part-time pay and family health insurance before you rely on them. Choose this arrangement when the extra income or the progress toward your own business justifies managing both. It can remain a long-term arrangement if it meets your goals.

Keep your current job while you negotiate with your employer, apply for other jobs, and test your business idea at the same time. Keep the combined effort within the time and mental energy you have.