

Selecting Careers Isn't Always Easy

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One of the greatest responsibilities assumed when growing up is deciding on a means of self-sufficiency. Deciding on a career isn't always easy, but knowing how to pair yourself with a job that will be challenging and fulfilling can make the task much easier.

You've probably noticed your parents come home from a day's work either boasting about their achievements, or outraged and asking why they allowed themselves to select an unchallenging occupation?

If it's the latter, no doubt you have little desire to give that same career a try. But if your parents can show some rewarding benefits from their job and talk about what they do with pleasure, you might want to consider entering the profession as well. Communicating with your parents can help you determine whether their career attainments are where you'd like to place your professional goals.

Of course it won't work for everyone; but there are several people in several fields who have followed in the career footsteps of one or both parents. Al Sutton Jr. is one who is proud to have selected a career in which his father is also involved. Both men are ministers. Rev. Dr. A. B. Sutton Sr. is pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church. His son, Al, is 20 and a student at Bishop College where he is studying Religion and Philosophy.

"My father didn't discourage me when I told him I was considering the ministry, but he often asked me if I was sure I wanted to become a pastor," Al stated. Al remembered his father expressing views about his career. "I remember my dad saying, I wouldn't have a lot of friends; it's not always the best career for financial gains, etc. But God really called me into the profession and I had to go," Al insisted.



Al Sutton, Jr.
.....Bishop College student

Already an associate pastor at Ebenezer, Al doesn't feel he entered the ministry because his father is a minister; but because it was destined for him. However, he feels that the faith which his father has and demonstrates "played a significant part" in his accepting what was placed before him.

Al views his father as a pastor - not a preacher. I want to be a pastor like my father," Al assured. He explained that a preacher can go anywhere and

preach anywhere as an evangelist does.

"But a minister leads a specific body of people on a consistent basis, every day of the week," Al continued. He has been a minister since he was 14.

LaTanya Roseborough, 24, has also selected a career in which one of her parents entered as a profession. LaTanya is a hairstylist. Her mother is Christine Chisolm.

"My mother had always encouraged me to become a hairstylist," LaTanya

noted. While the former employee of IBM never looked down on the idea she decided to pursue a career in business administration instead. LaTanya was successful in business; however a layoff at the company brought her profession to an abrupt end.

"I was at home, not working, and my mother kept telling me to take the unemployment money and go to school for a degree in hairstyling," LaTanya stated. She followed her mother's advice and attended Band's Beauty College. Now LaTanya is the manager of one of two hair salons which her mother owns. LaTanya is pleased her mother encouraged her to become a hairstylist. "I always had the skill because I always took care of my hair," LaTanya commented. "But when I went to school and received my license, I polished my technical skills."

The hairstylist and manager feels certain she would not have entered hairstyling if her mother wasn't in the profession.

Al and LaTanya have no regrets about choosing careers which their parents are presently involved. Both of them feel they will recommend their profession to their children. "I wouldn't insist that my children grow up to do the same thing I do, but if my children express a natural interest in hairstyling then I will support and encourage them to pursue a career in it," LaTanya assured.

Pros And Cons

Misconceptions Of The CBL

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William Nelson and Roosevelt Maske named similar reasons why some business people aren't members of the Charlotte Business League.

"Some people seem to have the idea the Charlotte Business League is for an elite minority," Maske, an insurance broker revealed. "Some people feel that the Charlotte Business League is an organization for the bourgeois," commented William Nelson, a realtor. Both of these men own their businesses. Maske is the owner of Roosevelt Maske and Associates. He's an insurance broker. Nelson is the owner of Professional Realty and Management where he focuses primarily on real estate sales.

Maske and Nelson want to dispel what they view as a "misconception of the CBL," of which they have been members since the organization was founded in 1977.

"The League is a group of minority business people who want to share ideas. It's an opportunity for networking and helping each other to enhance his or her business," Nelson pointed out.

Despite all the claims of wanting to push the progress of black businesses forward, not even half the black business people in Charlotte or Mecklenburg County are members of the organization.

Sam Jones an electrical contractor located on Beatties Ford Road is a former member of the Charlotte Business League. "I haven't been active with the League this past year," Jones pointed out. He mentioned reasons why he believes the CBL hasn't attracted more members than it has.

"CBL has failed to cater to businesses other than

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those of retail-type. Just recently has the CBL realized what I've always said, 'the League should cater to all minority businesses,'" Jones asserted.

Being in construction, Jones implied he felt shunned by some members of CBL. "I don't have any negative feelings about the League, since it realizes now that it can't cater only to white-collar-business persons," Jones stated.

Then commenting on CBL's involvement in getting more minority business during the construction of the new Charlotte airport, Jones presented again the CBL assisted mostly those people who were interested in setting up as vendors. "As far as getting business there as a contractor, I fought my own battle," Jones insisted.

He stated the main purpose of the CBL should be to serve as a political voice on the local and state level to promote the utilization of more minority businesses.

"We want to attract all those minority businesses along Beatties Ford Road and Graham Street," Nelson assured. He admitted the CBL hasn't done enough to convince every minority business in the city and county why each should become a member.

"We look at that task as an uphill struggle," Nelson commented. One way which the League has recently worked to gain more favorable recognition was through a special meeting which identified at least 10 reasons why every minority business should become a member of CBL.

They are: to enhance one's business awareness; to meet and associate with people of like interest and motivation; to become aware of business opportunities; to contribute

to the economic development of the minority community; to promote the choice of a business career, whether as a corporate employee or entrepreneur, in a positive and intriguing manner; to aid in the establishment of a more pronounced minority business presence; to serve as a vehicle within the minority community which will interpret the economic implications of the words and deeds of politicians and those of the majority community; to participate in an aggressive and continuous search for ways of making black capitalism a reality in Charlotte-Mecklenburg; to serve as a role model for the youth of the community by allowing them to explore the business arena through CBL members' experience and training.

Though Maske agreed the CBL has developed an image that needs to be re-defined, he also feels there are too many people "throwing rocks" at the CBL. "Some people are coming to the League with their hands stuck out, but aren't offering anything," Maske noted.

He wants to see more members so that the League can continue projects such as one they are working to establish with Johnson C. Smith University. CBL intends to work closely with the Business Administration Department at Smith. The members of CBL will share their business knowledge and skills with the students through workshops and lectures.

"Any minority interested in any form of business should become familiar with the League," Nelson informed.

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service some time ago. The local program is managed by Child Care Resources, Inc. The staff at Child Care Resources, Inc. cannot name a specific day care facility when inquiries are made by a parent. However, they work closely with the day care centers in the city and keep a record of their hours, fees, etc. When a parent in-

dicates the kind of service and the amount of money that can be offered for child care, then the staff provides names of several centers which might be helpful: It's up to the inquirer to make a final decision.

In Charlotte, as more women assume the task of heading households they

are seeking day by day services with great demand. "Rather than create government-sponsored day care centers, the bill will improve access to existing dependent care services by all the information necessary to make a choice which would fulfill her needs, schedules and financial situation."

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