

Hard Work

Mr.X heard the alarm ringing but did not move. The thought of facing another day at work was too much. “May be I will call and say that I am sick.” He thought, but then he thought otherwise. “I stayed away 2 days last week, and if I am going to be absent anymore I may run the risk of losing my job.” Just then his wife walked in and said “Come on, X it’s a nice day. Get up and have breakfast with the children before you leave for work. I hate to see you missing breakfast every day.”

X got annoyed “What difference does breakfast make? I just hate to go to work. The work is so boring now, you just go in, sit down and then leave at the end of the day. The repetitive work is the thing I cannot stand most.”

“Oh come on honey, things can’t be that bad. Look at the positive side – the pay is good, and you are quite senior now after 12 years of service in a large company.” Said X’s wife’

“The work is still hard, but it’s the boredom and repetition that annoy me.” Responded X, “I feel like I am wasting my time at this stage of my life. I think I will look for another job.”

“Well” his wife said, “I will not tell you what to do; that is your decision, but don’t forget that the children are getting older now, and we will have to pay extra school fees next month when the next term commences. Why don’t you think about another job again next year?”

X thought, “She is probably right. We do need the money and it is a bad time to be short. I guess I will have to think about another job little later.”

You are required to identify the problems and suggest suitable solutions to those problems.

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