

## Doing What You Love

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**W**OULD'N'T YOU LOVE TO say you are working in a job that you love doing, that's not a grind to wake up to every day; a job that, when the paycheck comes you feel like you got paid to have a good time? Well, you can, and if you've already made the decision to ride your own motorcycle, you're halfway there. Let me explain what I mean.

A lot of women agonize over whether or not they should proceed in following their dream of riding their very own motorcycle. For so many, that first step of learning to ride is a huge accomplishment in their life. Going through the mental exercises to allow one's self the freedom to pursue that long-thought-about dream is a big deal. It's not easy breaking out in that way. Many women are going against the grain in their life when they make the decision to ride. Family and friends may express disapproval. Old stereotypes of biker women still linger in their mind. For many women, making the decision to ride is making a bold statement about themselves and their lives.

For others, that decision to hop on a motorcycle is not such a major issue. Some women were raised to be independent thinkers, to pursue things on their own, to not care what others think of them. If you fit into this category, I suspect you are working in a job that satisfies you. I don't see you settling in your life's work. You probably have a career that's meaningful and says something about who you are as a woman. You're not doing it because you're seeking approval from someone else.

If you fit into the former category, the one where you had to move mental mountains to ride a bike, I suspect you may be one of those people wallowing in that "can't quite get over the edge" oblivion in other areas of your life. You may be involved in activities that aren't pleasing to you or that don't provide you with the kind of peace and contentment your soul desires. Is it your job, perhaps?

Maybe you're working in dead-end job where you know you're not being used to your full potential. You have dreams of doing so much more with your life. Maybe you are employed in a job that's sought after by many by today's standards, but you're wondering why it doesn't provide you with "more." Maybe you're lucky to have landed a job where, when the six-figure paycheck



arrives, you're looking over your shoulder to see if anyone's spying on the outlandish figure you can't believe you get paid for something that comes so easy to you. You wonder why such a lucrative position isn't bringing you the satisfaction you had hoped. Then there are those of you, who, no matter how much you're earning, no

amount of a raise would make the difference in your happiness.

Maybe you're wallowing in a dysfunctional personal relationship. You know better than to remain in that destructive, compromise-yourself-too-much relationship, but you can't quite get yourself over the edge to break free.

If you've proceeded in fulfilling the take-charge steps to become a motorcyclist, then you have it in you to take charge of other areas of your life. When I started riding 16 years ago, I discovered hidden keys lying deep within me, keys that unlocked a freedom and independence my inner soul was craving. Once that freedom and independence was unleashed, I found the inner tools that helped me dig out of destructive relationships and say goodbye to a job that was no longer satisfying.

If you can break out and make the decision to ride a motorcycle, you can break out and change your life in other ways. You have the tools to get out of that damaging relationship. You also have the tools to get on course to pursue other dreams you have for your life.

I'm sure you're aware of the simple fact that being content in life is not relative to the amount of money you receive in your paycheck (i.e., money doesn't make you happy). Rather, contentment comes from within. It comes from doing something that satisfies you, something that taps into your potential and gives you a sense of accomplishment long after the sun goes down.

For many women, riding a motorcycle is so much more than sitting on a leather saddle, engaging the throttle and watching the scenery fly by. It's about the emotional high they get every time they embark on a two-wheeled journey. There's no reason you can't experience that emotional high in all areas of your life. If you ride a motorcycle, you're halfway there to finding fulfillment and contentment in everything you do and achieving those other dreams. **FZ**

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