



## *Monday Matters*

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#### **It's Monday. I Quit!**

It's Monday and I'm quitting. I am fed up with the people at my job. I'm fed up with the church members. I'm fed up with ... and the list could go on and on. You just want to quit and find some place new. And besides, it's Monday.



Monday Monday - The Mamas & The Papas

We are approaching a new year in a few days and it's loaded with a bunch of Mondays. We have all, at some time, been through the "Monday morning blues". Maybe you just don't want to hear the complaints you receive from church members about yesterday's sermon or what should be on the agenda at the annual meeting coming up. Maybe your co-workers always complain about having too much work or that

they don't like their boss for any number of reasons. Maybe you feel you aren't paid enough.

Below is a poem entitled "Don't Quit". I would encourage you to listen to it especially if you have feelings of quitting.



If you have ever thought about quitting, there are five steps to think about prior to making that decision:

**A. Spend some time (not much) thinking back and much time thinking forward.**

One problem is that you and I tend to spend too much time looking back over the past week and not enough time looking ahead. We should reflect on what has happened, but we must remember that yesterday is past. Just take some time and thank God for what He has done for you. Make some notes on things that went wrong and how to correct them. Reorganize the areas that need improvement and start looking ahead to the coming week.

**B. Realize that good was accomplished even though you don't know it.**

Mondays can seem to be all about statistics. These can be helpful but they don't reflect all the good that was accomplished. There were people helped who will never tell you. There were decisions made in people's hearts while they sat in the pew and listened. There are those you simply greeted that were encouraged who will never take the time to thank you.

**C. Understand that what was popular was not necessarily your best.**

Seth Godin in his blog this past week said, "*My most popular blog posts this past year weren't my best ones. Best rarely means the same as popular. Which means that if you want to keep track of doing your best work, you're going to have to avoid the distraction of letting the market decide if you've done a good job or not.*" Attendance might have been low, you might have felt uncomfortable in helping someone, or you were feeling unprepared but for whatever the reason, what you said or did helped someone in a special way.

**D. It's Monday. Be thankful you got to see another one.**

If you're reading this article, then it means you made it! No matter how tough the past week has been, you survived. Rejoice!

**E. Wait a week before you quit.**

Rick Finlay, in a recent blog says, "*Let me encourage you to postpone turning in your notice. Let me challenge you to not walk off the job. Dr. Jack Hybles used to say, 'Don't make decisions when your decision maker is broken.'*" Start thinking about what you will preach next week or what you can do better on your job. And be looking for that person whom the Lord might send your way today who needs your help. You may quit someday, but today is not the day.

May this week be a productive and fruitful week in your life, your family, your ministry, your job.

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### Quote of the Week

"One of the most common causes of failure is a habit of quitting when one is overtaken by temporary defeat." ~ Napoleon Hill ~

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