

what bob newhart discovered

“Do what you love, and the money will follow.” How many books and seminars and self-improvement programs are built on that notion?

The catch is that between the *doing* and the *money* is a long road of perseverance.

To illustrate that point, *The Saturday Evening Post* describes what would-be comedian Bob Newhart discovered when he left his accounting job to try his hand at stand-up comedy. He wasn't exactly an overnight success.

“At one point, all my friends were buying cars and getting married, and I was living at home and working at a Chicago department store during the Christmas season,” he recalled. “I remember thinking, ‘Man, you have really screwed up your life!’”

But whenever an opportunity presented itself, he thought, “Okay, if this doesn't pan out, I'll drop the whole idea.”



Yet he always found excuses to keep going – the biggest one being that he didn't want to look back on his life later and realize that his turning point had been just around the corner when he had stopped short of it.

And his turning point came in the form of a record: *The Button-Down Mind of Bob Newhart*. The album of comedic monologues was a worldwide bestseller and reached No. 1 on the *Billboard* pop album chart, and it remains the 20th best-selling comedy album in history.

It was such a success that Newhart – known for his deadpan and slightly stammering delivery – no longer found reasons to keep going.

In Life Care and Century Park, we have a great reason to keep going – a mission of loving and serving the people whose lives are entrusted to us.

The success it brings? Well ...

- The knowledge that we have answered God's call to care for His children.
- A peace within the soul that we are involved in a life's work that is noble.
- An awareness that what we do for others is an eternal investment – a treasure laid up in heaven.

That's the kind of success producing a life well lived.

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established (Proverbs 16:3 ESV).

– Beecher Hunter