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Foundation Capital's Steve Vassallo, author of "The Way to Design," advises those launching into their career to be patient and avoid feeling entitled. The designer-turned-venture capitalist repeats a phrase his father used to say, "take out the garbage," as a reminder to be humble and do even menial work to the best of your ability.



Transcript

- Take out the garbage.. Roll up your sleeves and rush to pound down those unglamorous tasks.. I'm struck by how many young Stanford alums I meet and have worked with in only their third month on the job are already asking hey when do I get to be the CEO? I really admire the ambition but remember you're in the building mode of your careers.. So be willing to sublimate your ego but don't subordinate your values..