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If the journey on your career path is enjoyable, then you will emerge satisfied and successful, advises CEO Thomas Prescott. However, if one works simply to secure stock options, wealth, or position - then the course needs severe correction.



Transcript

How many of you find yourself in life focusing on a journey? How many of us do that? Boy, it's really hard right now.. I loved the slug.. You're dragging.. You're fighting a cold.. You've got a lot of work to do.. You haven't got much money.. I'm not feeling the love right now for the journey.. The point is though, you're always looking ahead.. If you can't find some energy out of the journey, no matter where you are in your life situation, whether you're in school or you're working, especially if you got a group of people around you that you love to be on a journey with, if that journey becomes as important, the good days and bad, as the destination, you're going to be successful.. If you find that the only thing keeping you in there is focusing in the future, whether it's, "My stock options someday might be worth money," whether it's, "If I just do this for a couple of years, I'll get a better job," that is just the means..

And so, the point is, find a way even in the hard times, not just work but in life, to say, "Am I doing what I want to be doing? How can I extract a little bit of joy from the journey even at the hardest times?" And that's a challenge and we all go through that.. But that's the thing that renews you in spirit..