

What a Difference a Year Makes: Reflections of a Former Mary Kay Fab 50s Cadillac Director

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That's right. I wasn't a lazy loser. I was very successful in Mary Kay, just like several of the wonderful ex-directors here on Pink Truth. I was Top of Class, Fabulous 50s, a pink Cadillac driver and had 3 offspring.

It has been one year since I returned to a full-time J.O.B. (Joyful, & Overwhelmingly Blessed!) As I reflected, I realized that with my J.O.B. – I actually spend MORE time with my family than I did in MK --- and more time with family was the whole reason I joined Mary Kay Cosmetics.

One Year in J.O.B.: More time with Family
One Year in MK: Less, much less, time with family

One Year in J.O.B.: FOUR [yes, 4!] Family Vacations! Disney was my fave!!
One Year in MK: Four trips (Seminar, Leadership, CC, Fall Retreat) NONE with Family!

One Year in J.O.B.: Feared there would be no flexibility; realized today's employers are different
One Year in MK: Perpetuated that fear to emotionally recruit people

One Year in J.O.B.: Spend evenings/weekends with Family
One Year in MK: Spend evenings/wkends at meetings, interviews, classes or on the phone

One Year in J.O.B.: I know what will be deposited in my bank account
One Year in MK: Wonder from month to month what –if anything – will be deposited

One Year in J.O.B.: I work with integrity – truly making a difference in people's lives
One Year in MK: I compromised my integrity – making the WRONG difference

One Year in J.O.B.: Occasional dinners with girlfriends to catch up
One Year in MK: Girlfriends fear you only want to go to dinner to get something from them

One Year in J.O.B.: Look at the world with optimistic; hopeful eyes
One Year in MK: Look at the world with pink tinted eyes and brain washed mind

One Year in J.O.B.: Bonus pay on top of salary – and my bonus will not be taken away a yr later
One Year in MK: Commissions paid – be ware – they can be taken away!

For me, one year back in the real world, the biggest realization is the time factor. Oh my! Was I ever duped! I cannot believe what I put my family through and what I missed of my children's lives – preaching – "short term sacrifice for long term gain".

I have shed so many tears over the things / events I missed – that I will NEVER get back – all in the name of building my business. I am so grateful that I stepped away from the pink bubble long enough to realize Mary Kay was ruining my family, finances, friendships, reputation…

Some other "successful" directors might say that I didn't know how to balance my time. I say – LET'S GET REAL GIRLS! Put on your big girl panties and deal with the fact that to be a "top unit" a "Cadillac unit" or whatever else, you have to work days, nights & weekends and put in more than 40 hours a week – and while you are at it, recruit a slew of young, hotshots with credit for a full store even though you know by Mary Kay's own teachings… that only 1/3 of them will ever do anything with their business – the rest of those full stores -- well.....

And if that is what you are after, good for you. Not me. I'll take integrity along with the steady paycheck, being home nights & weekends, being with my children and four family vacations a year any day!!!