Expect more and Keep doing it.

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A Life is full of activities and things to do or has to be done in the limited time and resources to every person. Honestly, I am not a type of person who believes in the theory or is interested in taking academic courses to get some certificates. I am a rather student who gets bored easily with the class in which I feel that it is not practical or useful to me. Because I am a 'Doer’ who live in the world of action, I have done so many mistakes in deciding things at a critical moment in my life.

In retrospection to my 12 year job career path, it was somewhat pitiful that I switched over too many companies from contract to contract without having any benefit and accomplishment, even though I joined my first and second company as a permanent and prestigious position to any 4 year university graduates would not have. Anyway, now I am 39 year old with lots of office work experiences with no specialty in any specific field, frankly speaking.

It is saying and joking that “You’re over than 38th parallel” (Which divides Korea Peninsular into North and South). This expression refers that you’ve passed some certain of age over which is not acceptable as working staff in a corporate life. Anyone who are employed to big Korean companies such as Samsung or LG, any person in my age group really starts to think of his/her early retirement which is forced actually if you’re not promoted to the manger level in next couple of years, because your age is regarded as much important as working ability and capacity in Korea. This is exactly what I am facing it right now in my corporate life. Although it would be manageable for me to survive for couple of years, but I am always wondering and say to me, “Would it be different if what I have done it differently? What other options are left for me? ”.

However, I believe that the life is just going on with full of possibilities and energy and my life is also filled up with so many strings of decision and the decision has all the consequence and made up who I was, who I am and who I will be. That’s how and why I place so much value on getting some experiences regardless of how hard experience I’ve gone thru and how difficult problem I am facing it right now.

Am I getting smarter and wiser after taking course of pre-MBA? The answer is… I don’t know yet but I hope to be turned into in that way. After years of a bit bitter experiences on my own, I would like to choose and decided things should be done in a smarter way with better intuition and broader perspectives. Of course I have listened to other’s opinion, but mostly I followed up to my own feelings and intuition without any reasonable explanation. I will keep doing it, but from this time doing things in a different way, as being quoted from Albert Einstein, “We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.”