A Modern Career Choice

Carl's choice was critical to his future happiness. He was 18 and ready to start the rest of his life. Work would dominate his waking hours, five days every week. What career should he choose? He ruled out student loans–with their forever debt—which in turn ruled out education and training.

His career should be lucrative, challenging, enjoyable, never stressful. And Carl did not want to work with his hands, to keep them soft and callous free (hoping that was not callous.) To Carl, his guidelines seemed eminently reasonable. However, he saw no career which met his needs, except perhaps religion. His high school guidance counsellor laughed at his concerns (then apologized.)

After reading news reports—he had no friends to discuss a career with—Carl settled on using his computer skills to plant malware, locking up the financial systems of cities, universities, libraries–even TCM–demanding a ransom. It was lucrative, challenging to set up, enjoyable and never stressful (he covered his tracks well—no one could find him.) Best of all, Carl could work while playing video games. Even when the organization refused to pay he'd already sold their data. He loved his new career.

The sole drawback was it was morally reprehensible and would damn him to hell.

Carl became a member of a church, donated significantly and confessed every day. He thought religion a great scam–an excellent career–but did not start his own as there were so many and he disliked competition.

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