

# 3-Column Wish List

*The previously published Current of Life ezine article below contains directions for completing the 3-Column template on the following page.*

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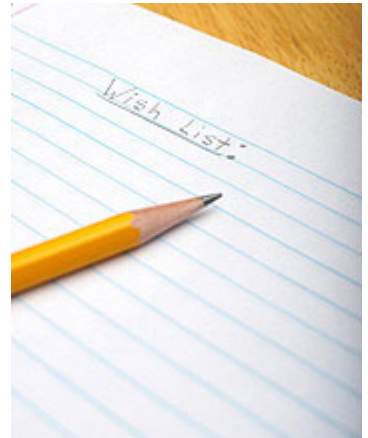
## You'll Know It When You See It...Or Will You?

### What Do Finding a Job and Dating Have in Common?

While delivering a recent workshop on career change, one of the thoughts I shared with the group is that **in many ways, looking for your ideal job closely resembles dating**. Some groans from the crowd ensued. Nevertheless, creating a wish list of the characteristics of your ideal job (or ideal mate) does two things: 1) It clarifies what's most important to you; 2) It enables you to more easily recognize that custom-fit opportunity when it presents itself.

### Your 3-Column Wish List

To create a wish list of your ideal job, ideal mate, or some other ideal opportunity you'd like to manifest, make three columns on a sheet of paper with these headings: **Must Have, Nice To Have, Deal Breaker**. Then, start to fill in the details of your criteria under each column. The first two columns are the features of a job that you require or would like to be present. The third column's deal breakers are those conditions or qualities of a job that you simply will not accept.



Two tips:

1. Don't worry if you come up blank at first. Just start filling it out and more things will come to you over time.
2. If you're looking for a job in the immediate future and you feel like it's a stretch to consider the *ideal* right now, go ahead and make the list anyway. Even if you don't get everything you want right away, you'll be moving closer in the right direction.

### Make Sure You'll Recognize It

Many people think they'll know it when they see it, yet two things often get in the way of recognizing a good opportunity: 1) Not taking the time to ponder things in your heart and consider what will make you happy; 2) Not keeping your eyes open or expecting good things to happen.

**It's a lot easier to spot the perfect thing once you've specified what would make the thing perfect!** It's not that you have to have the exact picture or every single detail figured out. You just need to have *imagined enough* so that when opportunities arise you can respond accordingly.

**“What we see depends mainly on what we look for.”**  
— John Lubbock

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**Must Have**

**Nice To Have**

**Deal Breaker**

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