

## Quality Angles & The Tantalus Complex

Want some good advice? Read on! Quality Angles examined personal and professional quality performance from a variety of perspectives. My contribution was to find people with unusual occupations and write vignettes on their careers, their success, their philosophies, and their advice for others. My twenty-three vignettes included their suggestions for others seeking personal and career success. Here are a few brief excerpts:

**From John, Ice Cream Taster** (whose tongue was insured for a million dollars): It's easy to slap a new flavor together – that's 90% of the job. But (as for anything we do), it's the last 10% of extra care, love and commitment that gives the fineness, and the balance – that's quality!

**From Cheryl, Professional Screamer:** I'm living proof that when you enjoy something, with some diligence, you should be able to turn your passion into an income. And take time to concentrate. When I concentrate and relax, I think clearer, I act more swiftly, and I scream better.

**From Mark, Professional Waterskier:** If you don't like what you're doing, get out. You've got to be happy in your work to do well.

**From Pat, Navy Blue Angel Pilot:** You must have personal integrity, you must be able to honestly accept your faults, and you must enjoy your job.

**From Victoria, Professional Fund Raiser:** Make a list of everything you do well. It may be difficult at first, but if you really look within, you'll be surprised at how much you do well. Read your list and feel good about yourself. Allow yourself to say, "I'm great; I can be me better than anyone else in this whole wide world."

**From Bryan, Professional Bull Rider:** Tough times never last, tough people do. No matter what you do – bull rider, lawyer, or street sweeper – be the best. You've got to believe in yourself all the time. You can't want anything. You've got to go get it.

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