

September Lament:

Money, Money, Money

What happened to morals, scruples and ethics in our industry?

My understanding is that generally Power Engineers change jobs for one of four reasons;

Power, Position, Money or Security.

Power - nobody who has 4 papers on his second who is applying for a full time second class shift engineers job ever asks how much they are going to be paid,

Position - Nobody ever asks me how much they are going to be paid when the job is in Kelowna,

Money - everyone knows that oil and gas and north of Edmonton pay more money that anywhere else (partially because of a seemingly unlimited amount of OT) and

Security as in you are presently in a business such as pulp and paper and the company decides to close your mill (by my count there have been 34 mill closures in Canada in the last 36 months and too many saw mills to count) and you have to look elsewhere

I know that many consider money important and I must admit I chased my fair share and more of money for a position but I have been in the business for almost 40 years and something I can tell you from experience is that the business cycles and it will cycle down again and if you have not shown at least some loyalty to your employers and have jumped all over the map because someone agreed to pay you \$5 an hour more (only \$10k a year when you actually look at it):

First thing you need to decide is why you want to change jobs then it is easier to look seriously at positions that you "will accept" if offered.