

## **Upon release, your main JOB is to get a JOB!**

Here are 26 things to remember when looking for employment:

- A**lways be honest, neglecting to tell of your felony conviction will surely kill your chances to land a job
- B**e prepared, anticipate questions and have the needed information and documentation
- C**ome dressed for success, physically-the right appearance, mentally-a healthy attitude
- D**o not give up, give in or give excuses, securing a job is competitive, it takes time and hard work
- E**ducate yourself, knowledge is power, applied knowledge leads to your success
- F**ocus on what counts, getting a job, do not waste your time on activities that do not lead to employment
- G**et your driver's license, important for identification and applying for most jobs
- H**ave the smarts to stay out of trouble, stay away from drugs and alcohol
- I**nvestigate every job lead, and let no employment stone go unturned
- J**ump at the chance to work part-time, more often than not it leads to full-time employment
- K**eep in shape, exercise more and eat less, your image is important when interviewing
- L**earn a new skill and/or expand your current skills, read the want ads to see what skills employers seek
- M**ake new friends; avoid people who lead you down the wrong path in life, take charge of your life
- N**etwork with people who have a job or can help you get a job, church is a great place to network
- O**pportunities come to those prepared to seize the moment, prepare yourself by being prepared to work
- P**lan your job hunt, failing to do so more likely than not leads to failure and disappointment
- Q**uality answers lead to a good interview, prepare yourself to give well thought out answers
- R**emain calm, cool and collective, honesty is key, reduces stress, and shows your renewed character
- S**o what, who cares, it's your life, you better, if you don't care its difficult for others to care about you
- T**emptation is all around you, be strong enough to resist, never let your guard down, stay alert
- U**nder no circumstance hang out with those who led or will lead you a stray, avoid gangs and crime
- V**alue your parole office and other support people trying to help you succeed in life, work with them
- W**ishing for a job is not enough; you must make the effort to get a job
- X**enophobia is the mindset of the fearful-look up that big word-avoid such people
- Y**ou and only you can motivate you, stay positive, stay motivated, and stay on mission
- Z**ero in on your efforts to find a job, work your plan, network, and seek spiritual guidance

Job-hunting by the alphabet will keep you on mission and greatly increase your chances of finding a job. Remember more people want to see you succeed in life than fail; you just have to be smart enough to associate with the right people. Now go hunt down that job.