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# CIVIL ENGINEERING ACADEMY PODCAST

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## **CEA 65 - 2021 ADVICE AND TIPS NO MATTER WHAT STAGE YOU ARE AT**

*“New year, new me”*, the old maxim we’ve all used or at least heard of when preparing for the upcoming year every December. That’s when we stop to reflect on the things we’ve accomplished, and most importantly, think about where we want to go from there. We’re two weeks into 2021 already and that’s precisely when we start working on all the goals we set for ourselves, be it personal or professional. Today, Mark Oakeson jumps back on the show to discuss the approaches and tips engineers can use to make some changes in their professional life.

It’s not rare to see civil engineers who are not pretty satisfied with the work they’re currently doing or the place they’re working at. Some people just feel like making a complete change and switching to a totally new discipline in or outside the field, while others just want to incrementally improve the work they’re already doing. Whatever the case may be,

Isaac and Mark dismantle the existing barriers to it, warn about the potential hurdles and difficulties that come with such changes, while also giving tips on what your mindset should be and how this can be done smoothly.

On top of that, they discuss other topics related to how civil engineers can boost their careers, including passing the FE and PE exams before it goes CBT, choosing between a M.Sc. or an MBA for their graduate studies, going from engineer to manager, and even asking for a raise. In addition, they also mention how we can use our PDHs wisely to learn something new and valuable to our careers, whether we choose to specialize even more in our area of expertise or if we choose to learn something different but somewhat related to what we do on a daily basis at work.

This is a great episode for every engineer out there looking forward to improving his or her career. The tips and pieces of advice shared by two experienced professionals in the field that have

already been in the roles of both manager and engineer can really help literally any engineer achieve the success they want, whether it is to become a top, highly-specialized professional or the highest-ranking manager in an engineering firm.

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