

RETHINKING
RETIREMENT

the
SUMMIT

2018 Leadership Conference

RETIREMENT: A RECENT PHENOMENA

- Introduced in Germany in the late 1800s
- Accelerated in early 20th century
- Social Security established a retirement age of 65 in 1935
- Average retirement age today is 63



RETIREMENT AND THE BIBLE

- Work is one of the major ways God has given us to bring glory to Him
 - Ecclesiastes 2:24, *A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God.*
 - 1st Corinthians 10:31, *So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.*



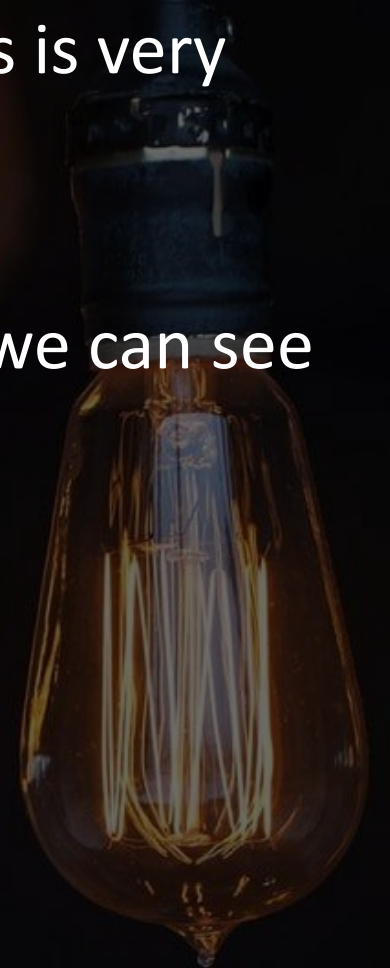
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- Jesus was a carpenter; Paul was a tentmaker
- In God's eyes, every legitimate work has dignity and importance
- The word "retirement" isn't found in the Bible



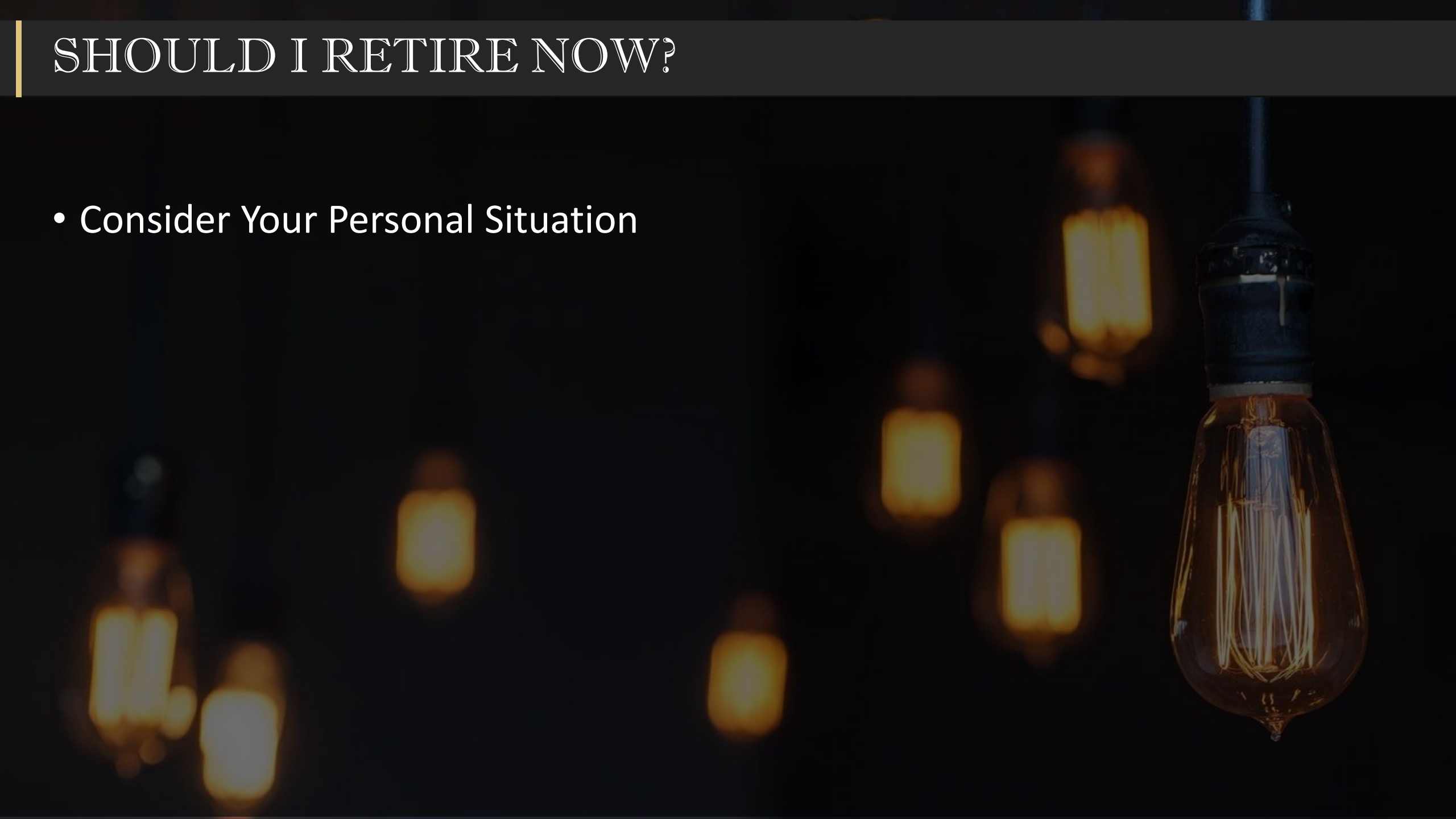
RETIREMENT TODAY

- The idea of retiring from our work and enjoying our latter years is very much a part of our modern thinking
- Retirement years can be some of the best years of our lives, if we can see them as a gift from God



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- Consider Your Personal Situation



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- Consider Your Personal Situation
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- Consider the Potential Downsides
 - Proverbs 14:15, *A prudent man gives thought to his steps.*





OUR CALLING

- Hebrews 12:1, *Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.*
- 2nd Timothy 4:7, *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*
- Philippians 3:14, *I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*



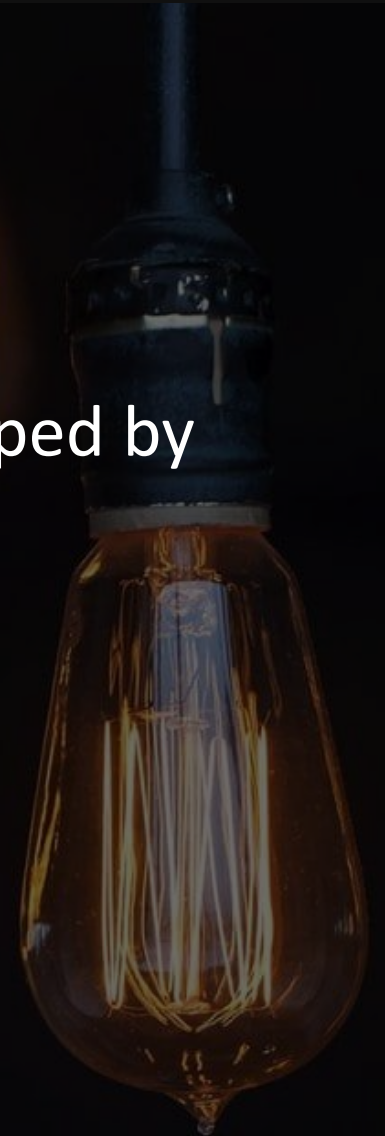
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- Whether paid or not, our mandate is the same:
 - John 21:17, *“Feed my sheep”*
 - John 13:15, *“I have given you an example that you also should do just as I have done to you.”*
 - Carry out the assignment you have received from the Lord



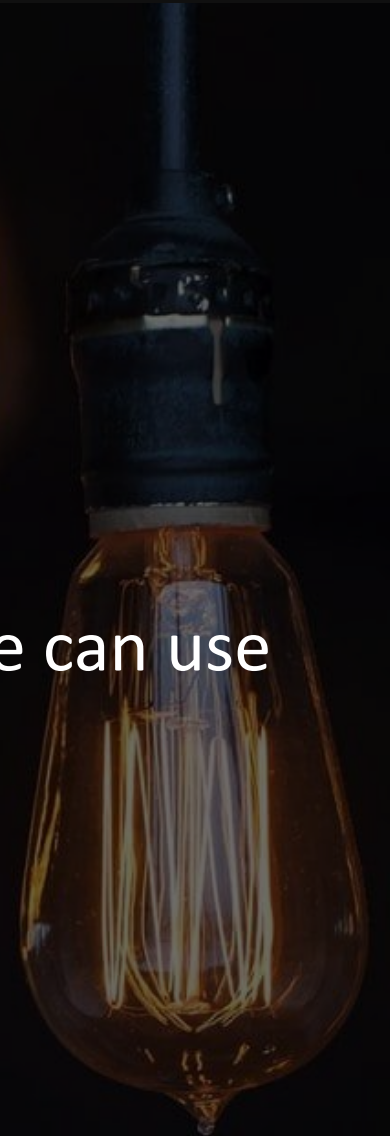
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- What will you do when you can do whatever you want to do?
- Will retirement look like an extended vacation, or will it be shaped by your vocation, paid or not?
- What will re-thinking a traditional retirement look like for you?



WAYS TO RETHINK YOUR RETIREMENT

- With more discretionary time, ask God how you can serve Him
- Serving is not in the going, but in the doing
- As long as you have breath, God is not finished with you and He can use you as you are today



WAYS TO RETHINK YOUR RETIREMENT

- Begin a Second Career
 - Further Education/Training
 - Business World
 - Non-Profit and Parachurch Organizations
 - Church



WAYS TO RETHINK YOUR RETIREMENT

- Involvement in Service Opportunities
 - Missions
 - US
 - Abroad
 - Hospitality
 - Greeters
 - Ushers
 - Section Hosts
 - Parking Lot Attendants
 - Connecting
 - Decision Encouragers
 - Guest Central



WAYS TO RETHINK YOUR RETIREMENT

- Passing Down a Legacy of Faith
 - Starting Point Mentoring
 - “Before You Say I Do” (BYSID) Coach Couple
 - Women’s Ministry Mentoring



WAYS TO RETHINK YOUR RETIREMENT

- Walking With Others Through Trials
 - Mentors4Couples Ministry
 - Prestonwood Pregnancy Center
 - Prison Ministry
 - Victim Relief Ministries



WAYS TO RETHINK YOUR RETIREMENT

- Loving Others
 - Serving Widows and Widowers
- In-Touch Ministry
- Preschool/Children's Ministry
- Student ministry
- Prestonwood Sports Organization
- Prayer Ministry
- PowerPoint Ministry



GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH YOU!

- *They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing.*
– Psalm 92:14
- The measure of life is not its duration but its donation.
– Corrie Ten Boom



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