RETHINKING RETIREMENT

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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
• 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.*
• 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
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.
SHOULD I RETIRE NOW?

• 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.*
SOCIAL COORDINATOR

• Point 1...
• Point 2
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.
• 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
OUR CALLING

• 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
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• Walking With Others Through Trials
  • Mentors4Couples Ministry

• Prestonwood Pregnancy Center

• Prison Ministry

• Victim Relief Ministries
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• Loving Others
  • Serving Widows and Widowers

• In-Touch Ministry

• Preschool/Children’s Ministry

• Student ministry

• Prestonwood Sports Organization

• Prayer Ministry

• PowerPoint Ministry
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