

Don't Retire – Retread

Selected Scriptures - NCBC, January 28, 2018

Rethink retirement—and never stop pursuing everlasting enjoyment in Christ!

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Opening Announcements:

- Deer Fry on February 24th

<<Cling to Christ>>

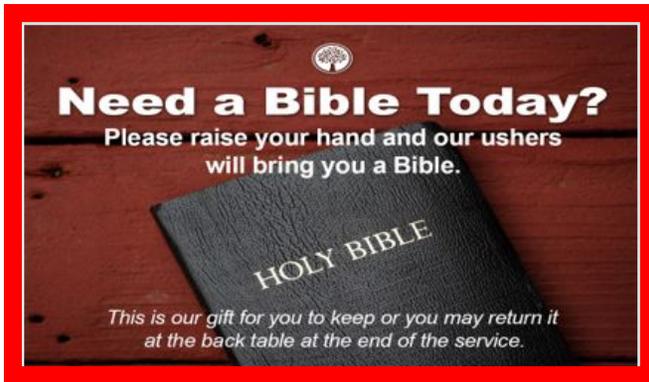


We cling to Christ by faith – for there is no joy like the joy of His presence.¹ And any time we live in a way that makes this world look like our treasure – we belittle Christ.

Please open your Bibles to **1 Timothy 6** to continue our worship.

I'm so thankful for your teachability and responsiveness to our January preaching series on Key Spiritual Issues for God's people.

¹ Psalm 16:11; 21:6; 36:8



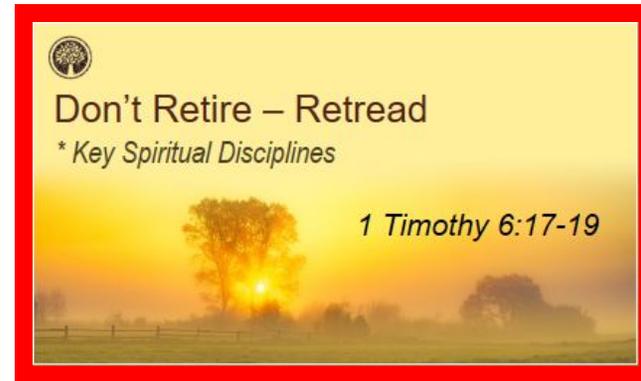
Today we will consider many different Scriptures to build a Biblical worldview of retirement that is so radically different from the popular view of our culture.

So, if you don't have a Bible with you, you will want one today. Simply raise your hand as our men come to give you a Bible.

And while you're preparing for our Scripture reading from **1 Timothy chapter 6**, let me just remind you that today during our 9:30am hour all our members will be meeting together in this room for our **annual meeting**. Everyone is welcome to listen as our elders highlight some of God's work in 2017, and cast vision for our ministry priorities in 2018. If you aren't able to attend today for any reason, please be sure to pick up our 2017 Annual Report, and always feel free to ask questions of any of the elders. We are humbled and thankful to be part of God's family here at New Castle Bible Church during such a significant time.

Also, if you're newer to our church family – please plan to join us at 12 noon today for our **Newcomer's Lunch**.

This is a wonderful opportunity to interact with our church leaders, and ask any questions about who we are, and where we are going as a church family. It would be our joy to share a meal together with you today.



Our members know that I typically practice expository preaching. Meaning we preach through entire sections of Scripture at a time – carefully unpacking the meaning of the text verse-by-verse.

However, every January I take time to focus on key spiritual issues for the Christian. This month we've taught on Biblical hospitality, fasting, the sin of racism, and today we come humbly to this topic of retirement.

To set our minds for this study, I'm reading from the end of Paul's first letter to Timothy. Here God offers necessary instruction for us who are rich. Because as you study history, you quickly realize that retirement is primarily a Western, twentieth-century phenomenon.² The concept of retirement is largely limited to the rich.

² <https://tifwe.org/how-should-christians-think-about-retirement/>

Therefore, please stand in honor of the reading of God's Word as I read **verses 17-19** from **1 Timothy 6**, from the **English Standard Translation**:

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

This is the word of God. You may be seated.

Let's Pray.

An average of 10,000 Baby Boomers³ plan to retire every day this year.⁴ That's 3.65 million people in our country who will retire from their daily employment just this year!

Longer life expectancies mean that the average American retiree lives for 20 years after normal retirement age⁵ – thus creating amazing opportunities for God's church in this present age.

Now is the time for God's church to open His Word and give clear instruction to God's people about His will for the final years of our lives.

³ Born between 1946 and 1964

⁴ <http://www.bpnews.net/50231>

⁵ <http://www.bpnews.net/50231>



God's people must rethink retirement—and never stop pursuing everlasting enjoyment in Christ!

We must not get our authoritative direction about retirement from secular financial journals, earth-bound financial planners, or high-pressure sales. Contrary to popular thought – fear must never be our driving motivation when we approach the subject of retirement.⁶

We must rethink retirement – after all, the world's retirement experience promises more than it delivers. According to Forbes Magazine:⁷

- 40% of all retirees suffer from clinical depression
- 60% report a decline in health
- When a man retires at the age of 65, his chances⁸ of having a fatal heart attack immediately double.

⁶ 2 Timothy 1:7

⁷ <http://www.bpnews.net/50231>

⁸ <http://www.epm.org/blog/2016/Aug/8/save-retirement>

And it's not just the retiree who can be negatively affected by retirement. In Japan, researchers created a clinical diagnosis called *Retired Husband Syndrome*. Because Japanese women were showing up at doctor offices with physiological reactions like rashes, nervous tics, upset stomachs and headaches, which they were able to conclude was a result of a spouse's recent retirement.⁹

Is it possible that you're asking retirement to do something for you that it will never be able to do? Is it possible that the American dream of retirement is actually distracting you from God's mission and glory today?

Healthy minds and bodies were never created by God to live for ourselves.¹⁰ Even aging bodies and physical handicaps are given to Christians as vehicles of grace – through which God's power is perfected in weakness.¹¹

So to help us rethink retirement, we first need to rethink what God says about our ownership, and work itself.

To embrace God's design for retirement you first must,

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<https://www.forbes.com/sites/robertlaura/2013/01/24/can-your-marriage-survive-retirement/>

¹⁰ 1 Corinthians 6:20

¹¹ 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

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Rethink your ownership of everything in your life. Your time, your talents, your treasure, and your relationships.



Open your Bible to **1 Chronicles chapter 29, verses 11-12** where we meet a very wealthy King who owned nothing.

In **1 Chronicles 29** King David is preparing his legacy – he's about to die. He's turning everything over to his son Solomon. In these last two chapters of **1 Chronicles**, David repeatedly emphasizes Solomon's priority to build a temple for God. After taking an enormous offering from

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the people to fund the construction, David prays in **verse 11**,

Yours, O Lord is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours...

Verse 12 – *Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.*

In other words, this wealthy king understood God owns and controls all wealth. God owns and controls all power. And God owns and controls all strength. The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away...¹²

Now you say wait a minute – doesn't David admit to having his own gold and silver in **verse 3**? Yes – the gold and silver is more David's than others...but look carefully at the end of **verse 14**. David declares,

*For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.*¹³

In other words, God – everything I have is yours before it's mine. And whenever I give anything to you - I'm only giving you what was already yours to begin with!

We must rethink our ownership if we are to think right about retirement.

God owns 100% of our resources.

¹² Job 1:21

¹³ C.f. 1 Chronicles 29:16

You object, "But I earned that!" Perhaps. But **Psalm 75** teaches that it was God who gave you that employment and earning potential.¹⁴

Truly,



Rethink your ownership

- **1 Chronicles 29:11-12**
 - God owns and controls all wealth
 - God owns and controls all power
 - God owns and controls all strength
- **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**
 - God owns and controls all of you!

1 Corinthians 6 reminds every Christian that,

You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body!

God doesn't just own all your resources – God owns your soul.

This has several significant implications for us.

¹⁴ Psalm 75:6-7; c.f. Daniel 2:21 and 1 Corinthians 4:7

Rethink your ownership

- Everything you have is God's, not yours.
- You are a steward (or manager) for God.
- Stewardship always pursues the advancement of God's kingdom/glory.
- **Stewardship = sacrificial generosity.**

First, **Everything you have is God's, not yours.**

You drive God's car. You write checks out of God's checkbook. Your children are God's, and your time is first God's – before it is ever yours.

In other words, biblically speaking, **You are a steward (or manager) for God.** God has entrusted you with the intellect, and abilities, and disabilities that are yours – all so that you can manage them for His eternal purposes.

And just like a good manager wants to accomplish the desires of the owner, so biblical **Stewardship always pursues the advancement of God's kingdom or glory.**

When you understand your role – that God is the owner, and you're the steward – then you will live differently. You will spend your time and money differently. Your fear and respect for the Lord is the beginning of all wise living.¹⁵

¹⁵ Proverbs 1:7

If you boil this all down – and you submit to God's role for you as His steward – then you will understand that His glory is advanced not through accumulation, but through generosity. God doesn't ever advance His kingdom purposes through preservation, but through proclamation, right? So church – please listen carefully here.

Understand that **Stewardship = Sacrificial Generosity.** God's kind of stewardship is motivated by love, not fear. Biblical stewardship is not defined as the protection of assets from harm. No. It's the advancement of God's kingdom love. Stewardship is loving generosity.

Just pause for a moment, and remember the parable of the condemned steward who just hid his talent in the field instead of investing it in God's kingdom¹⁶ -- and write this principle down:

Generosity is always God's means to accumulation. Accumulation is never the means to generosity. This is the principle of **Malachi 3:10**. And the implication of God's ownership for you and all your stewardship.

Don't ever believe that you would give more...if you had more. On a percentage basis, that's just not true.¹⁷ All you have comes from God.¹⁸ For from Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things!¹⁹

¹⁶ Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁷ Many studies have shown that the higher your income, the less percentage you give to your local church and other charities.

¹⁸ Ecclesiastes 5:19

¹⁹ Romans 11:36

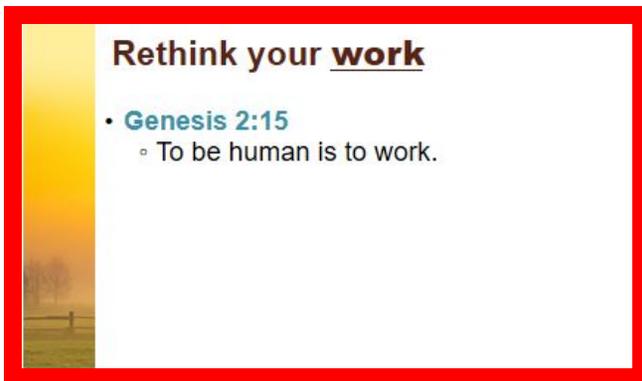
So think rightly about your ownership...and then you must,



Rethink your work.

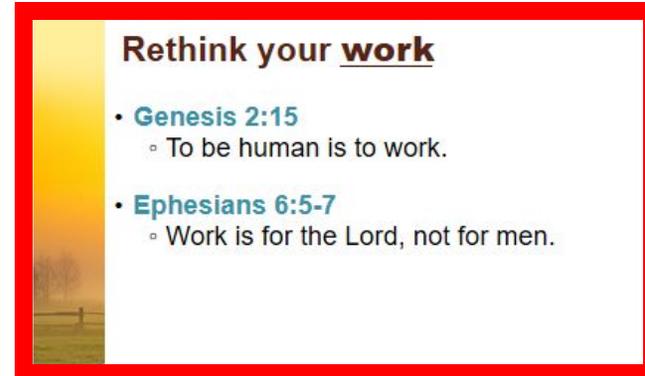
I'm concerned about how much the church's view of work looks like the world's view of work. Have you lost sight of God's Gospel-oriented perspective on your employment?

Remember God created you to work.



In **Genesis 2**, before there was a family to support...and before there was sin... God *took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.*

Church - to be human is to work! Work is not God's curse on your life. Human beings will still work in heaven according to **Revelation 22:3**.²⁰ Yes sin frustrates human productivity here on this earth – but God works, and every human who is made in God's image was made to work.



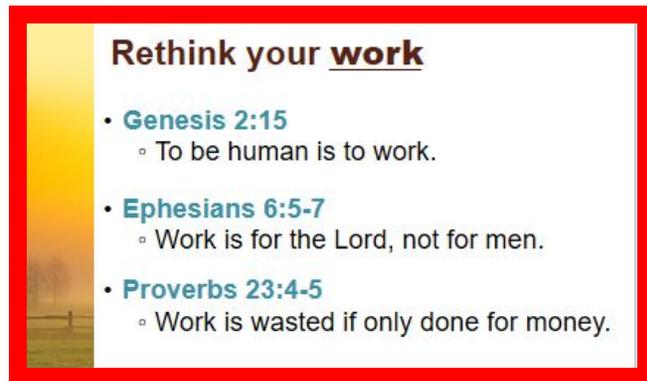
Then in **Ephesians 6** Paul teaches employees to obey and respect their employers *as you would Christ, not ... as people-pleasers, but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man...*

Did you catch that last phrase of **verse 7**? Contrary to what your org chart says in your employee manual...God says He's your boss. Your work is for the Lord first...before its ever for any human employer.

²⁰ Praise God our heavenly work will be free from the labors of the curse in Genesis 3:17-19, as stated in Revelation 14:13!

If you rethink this... it will revolutionize your work ethic.²¹ It will transform your attitude on the job.²² It will produce contentment with your wages²³ and the timing of any promotions²⁴ – for you understand it all comes from the Lord!

Further,



Rethink your work

- **Genesis 2:15**
 - To be human is to work.
- **Ephesians 6:5-7**
 - Work is for the Lord, not for men.
- **Proverbs 23:4-5**
 - Work is wasted if only done for money.

Proverbs 23 teaches us that your work is wasted if you are only doing it for the money. Does that convict anyone here today?

Have you ever said to yourself, “Self – the only reason I work is for the paycheck! I have to bring home the bacon...so get to work!”

But that’s the worldview of the materialistic evolutionist! Rethink your work from God’s perspective.

²¹ 2 Thessalonians 3:10-11

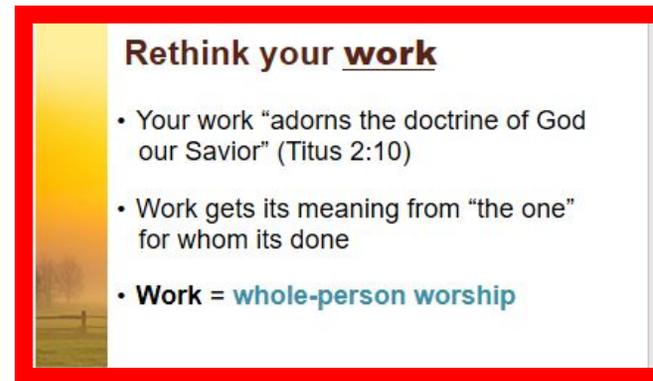
²² 1 Timothy 6:1-2; 1 Peter 2:18-21

²³ Luke 3:14; 1 Timothy 6:8-10

²⁴ Psalm 75:6-7

Proverbs 23, verse 4 says *Do not toil to acquire wealth.* Accumulation of wealth is not God’s purpose for your work. You waste work if you think the only reason you’re doing it is because you’re not independently wealthy yet.

Here’s the implications we must bring into our study of retirement this morning:



Rethink your work

- Your work “adorns the doctrine of God our Savior” (Titus 2:10)
- Work gets its meaning from “the one” for whom its done
- **Work = whole-person worship**

According to **Titus 2:10**, Your work “adorns the doctrine of God our Savior”

In other words, God wants you to work to increase the attractiveness of His Gospel. Employees work the way they do to help others want to believe in our Savior and God.²⁵ Employers work the way they do to make others want to serve our wise, and gracious heavenly Master.²⁶

When you think biblically about work then, you realize that all work gets its meaning from “the one” for whom its done.

²⁵ Following the example of Ruth in Ruth 2:2, 10, 19-20, 21-23

²⁶ Following the example of Boaz in Ruth 2:4, 8-9, 12-16; 3:2-4, 10-11, 14

Productivity and diligence have no spiritually lasting value apart from the heart's worship of God, and greater pursuit of His glory.

The Bible teaches that **Work is a Whole-Person expression of Worship** to God.

Just as **Colossians 3:23-24** says,

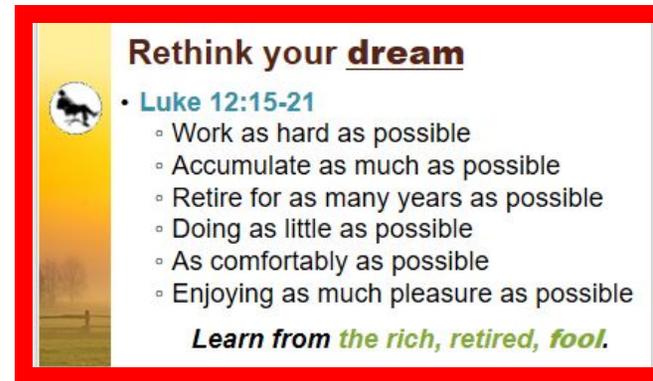
Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

These biblical foundations about ownership and work now prepare you to,



Rethink your dream of retirement.

I apologize again for racing through so many of these Scriptures so quickly. Take time later to go back and reread each of these passages for your further growth and instruction.



Let's begin examining retirement in **Luke 12**. How should we think about finishing our lives in a care-free pursuit of our own pleasure? Let's learn from this rich, retired fool...and his model of "the American dream."

Verse 16 *The land of a rich man produced plentifully*

So he's **working as hard as possible**.

Verse 17 *And he thought to himself, what shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops? And he said, I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.*

Now he's **accumulating as much as possible**.

Verse 19 *And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years;*

Retire for as many years as possible

Relax... doing as little as possible?

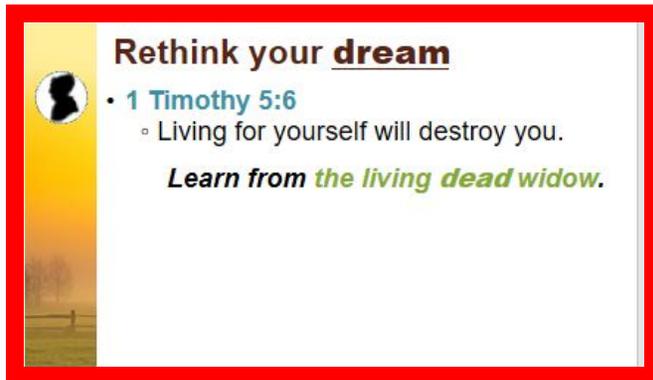
Eat, drink... As comfortably as possible.

Be merry. Enjoying as much pleasure as possible.

This is the American way, is it not? Nothing wrong here...or is there?

Verse 20 *But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.*

Do your future dreams now look foolish? If so, rethink your dreams. Repent of deferring your generosity because of your plans to lay up future treasure for yourself. God isn't giving you resources only for you to hoard them in greed or fearful self-protection. We must learn from the rich retiring fool.



Rethink your dream

- **1 Timothy 5:6**
 - Living for yourself will destroy you.

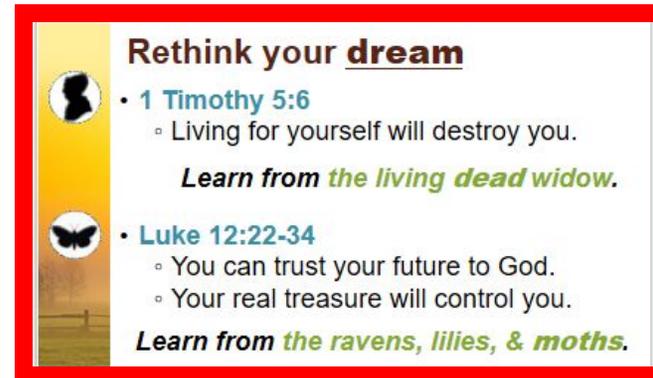
Learn from *the living dead widow*.

1 Timothy 5:6 further calls us to learn from the living dead widow.

In the context, Paul is instructing Timothy about the church's responsibility towards widows. But then in **verse 6** he gives this warning,

But she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives.

Here's Paul's point: **Living for yourself will destroy you.** The extravagant and luxurious living of self-indulgence feeds the flesh – not the spirit. O soul that dreams of final years of pampering – learn from the living dead! This world is not our home, and any attempt to pamper our carnal desires now will only deaden our spiritual joy in Christ.



Rethink your dream

- **1 Timothy 5:6**
 - Living for yourself will destroy you.

Learn from *the living dead widow*.

- **Luke 12:22-34**
 - You can trust your future to God.
 - Your real treasure will control you.

Learn from *the ravens, lilies, & moths*.

Now just for a moment – go back to **Luke 12**.

Let's learn from the ravens, the lilies, and the moths. **Matthew chapter 6** offers similar teaching, and the point is simply this:

You can trust your future to God. Don't approach your planning for the future from a posture of fear or anxiety. There's more to your life than what you can see. God is

your Father, and He cares for you. Your Heavenly Father knows what you need, and He's been faithful to countless generation of His children who never even heard of a 401K. Look at **verse 30**,

For all the nations of the world seek after these things [that will secure their future financial needs], and your Father knows that you need them. Instead [child of God] seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

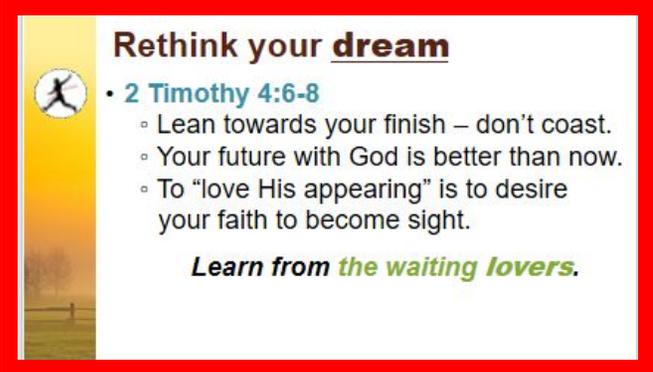
Church – **your real treasure will control you.** Listen carefully to this quote from Larry Burkett,

“Retirement planning so dominates the thinking of Christians who have sizable incomes that they overkill in this area enormously. The fear of doing without in the future causes many Christians to rob God's work of the very funds he has provided. These monies are tucked away in retirement accounts for twenty to forty years. God's Word does not prohibit but rather encourages saving for the future – including retirement,²⁷ but the example of the rich fool ... should be a clear direction that God's balance is 'when in doubt—give; don't hoard.'²⁸

²⁷ Proverbs 6:6-11; 21:20

²⁸ *J qy 'uq'Wug'I qwt 'O qpgf 'Y kugf*, Larry Burkett

Learn from the moths this morning... and then rethink your dream from the perspective of,



Rethink your dream

- **2 Timothy 4:6-8**
 - Lean towards your finish – don't coast.
 - Your future with God is better than now.
 - To "love His appearing" is to desire your faith to become sight.

Learn from *the waiting lovers.*

2 Timothy 4, where Paul gives his final farewell. As he looks death in the eye, he says,

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Learn from waiting, homesick lovers as you rethink your post-career dreams. **Lean towards your finish – don't coast.** In Christ **your future is better than now.** To "love His appearing" is to desire your faith to become sight. To want to be in His presence more than anything else.

Rethink your dream

- The glory of God is better than the “American Dream.”
- Never stop pursuing the pleasure of treasuring Christ above all else!
- “This is the **Life**” = **Knowing Christ**

Here’s the lesson I believe all these teachers want us to learn: **The glory of God is better than the “American Dream.”**

Have you tasted the glory of God enough to know its superior pleasure?²⁹ **Never stop pursuing the pleasure of treasuring Christ above all else!**

This world will try to convince you that the best life is one of ease, comfort, and unlimited self-indulgence. But God’s Word pierces through that thin veneer and says, *This is eternal life, that you may know Christ!*³⁰ **Psalm 16:11** tells us that fullness of joy is found only in the presence of Christ and eternal pleasures come from friendship with God! So rethink your dream!

The reason this world makes such a big deal out of retirement, is because for them – this world is all they have! But for us – the joyful presence of our Savior

²⁹ Psalm 34:8

³⁰ John 17:3

awaits us in heaven forever and ever... Count everything else as loss for the sake of knowing Christ Jesus!³¹

The Scriptures challenge our worldliness, don’t they?

Rethink your opportunity

So this morning, **Rethink your opportunity** as one of God’s stewards. To be able to prayerfully plan for a future season of devoted ministry is a wonderful privilege – unless it mortgages your present generosity for the Kingdom today.

Rethink your opportunity

- **Numbers 8:24-26**
 - Ending employment does NOT end ministry.

³¹ Philippians 3:7-8ff

In **Numbers 8**, the Lord told Moses that the Levites are to *withdraw from the duty* of the sacrificial butchering and priesthood at the age of 50 years old. The Levitical priesthood had a mandatory retirement age of 50 years old! But then listen to **verse 26**,

They minister to their brothers in the tent of meeting by keeping guard, but they shall do no service.

In other words, ending their employment did NOT end their ministry. And it's the same for all of us today.

Retirement from your workplace only opens doors for greater ministry!

Rethink your opportunity

- **Numbers 8:24-26**
 - Ending employment does NOT end ministry.

➤ Maturity	Hebrews 5:11-12
➤ Involvement	Psalm 71:17-18
➤ Example	Titus 2:2-3
➤ Mentoring	Titus 2:3-6

Rethink the opportunity the Scripture calls you to as a mature believer who is able to discern between good and evil.³² In **Psalm 71** *old age and gray hairs* are more reason to *proclaim God's might to another generation*. The job description for older brothers and sisters in God's church is given clearly in **Titus 2** – serving as examples

³² Hebrews 5:11-12
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of Spirit-filled love, and mentoring the younger generation towards godliness.

Just consider the implications for the church and God's kingdom if all our present retirees, and the retirees of our future – rethought the opportunity God has graciously given them in their retirement.

Rethink your opportunity

- To meaningfully engage in God's mission.
- To use all of your abilities and resources to treasure Christ and serve people... to bring them with you into the everlasting enjoyment of Christ!
- Retirement = **Reallocated Devotion**

The last years of your life – perhaps more so than even the earlier years – are an opportunity **to meaningfully engage in God's mission**.

When Jody and I were at Grace Community Church in Los Angeles, one of our elders, Wayne Mack, announced to our Sunday School class that he and his wife were being sent off as missionaries from our church to South Africa. As Wayne shared with us he said, "many people have asked me why a 70-year old couple would head out on the mission field." And my response to them is always the same, "Why not?"

Retirement is an opportunity **to use all of your abilities and resources to treasure Christ and serve people...to**

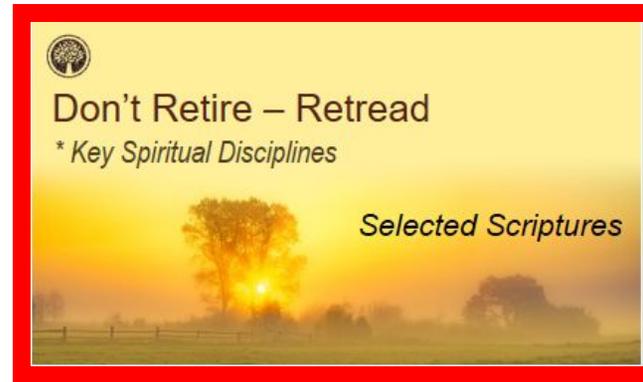
bring them with you into the everlasting enjoyment of Christ!³³

In other words, retirement is NOT our reward for years of hard work. But an opportunity to intentionally **reallocate your devotion** on treasuring Christ. A Christian never retires from worship and awe of Christ.

The Scriptures have given us much to humbly and prayerfully think about this morning. But the main point today is simply this,



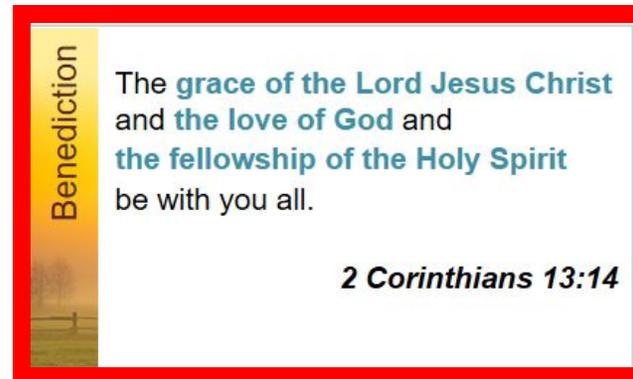
Rethink retirement—and never stop pursuing everlasting enjoyment in Christ!



Let's Pray.

<<I'd Rather Have Jesus>>

Let's pray our Benediction now as we are dismissed,



The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
2 Corinthians 13:14

³³ John Piper, *Tgy kpnkpi "Tgwt go gpv"*
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Recommended Resources on Retirement:

- Numbers 8:23-26
- Psalm 71:18
- Isaiah 46:3-4
- Matthew 6:19-21, 22-34
- Luke 2:25-38; 12:15-21, 22-34
- 2 Corinthians 12:14
- Ephesians 5:15-16
- 1 Timothy 5:6
- 2 Timothy 4:7-8
- Titus 2:2-8

- <https://www.desiringgod.org/books/rethinking-retirement>
- <https://www.gotquestions.org/retirement-Christian.html>
- <https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/should-i-invest-for-retirement>
- <https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/i-m-retired-and-want-to-do-missions-what-s-my-first-step>

- Money, Possessions, & Eternity, Randy Alcorn
- Don't Waste Your Life, John Piper
- Your Money Counts, Howard Dayton
- Finishing Our Course with Joy, J.I. Packer

Growing Deeper: Life Group Questions

1. Compare Revelation 14:13 with 22:3. Will we work in heaven? (c.f. Matthew 25:23) How will our heavenly work be different from our earthly work (c.f. Genesis 3:17-19)? How does this challenge our mindset of our earthly work?
2. Read Luke 12:13-21. Especially note all the pronouns in verses 17-19. Summarize Jesus' main point in one sentence. Compare 1 Timothy 6:17-19. What does it mean to be "rich toward God?"
3. Compare Luke 12:32-34 and Matthew 6:19-21 with Proverbs 21:5, 20 and 1 Timothy 5:8. Should you save money for your future needs? Why or why not? C.f. 1 Timothy 6:9-10. When does investing or saving become sinful for God's children?
4. Read 2 Timothy 4:6-8. What does it practically mean to love Christ's appearing? What kind of faith does someone possess if they don't want Jesus more than the pleasures of this earth? (c.f. 1 Peter 1:8)
5. Read 1 Timothy 5:6 and 6:17. Is it wrong for Christ-followers to take vacations, enjoy nice things, and/or spend time in satisfying recreation and hobbies? Why or why not?
6. Brainstorm together how God could advance His glory among all people groups if American Christians rethought retirement and reallocated their time, resources, and wisdom towards making disciples of all nations. What opportunities can you think of for retirees to meaningfully engage in God's mission? Is God calling you to change your own focus? Share together and pray for one another to lean (not coast) towards your finish line (1 Corinthians 9:24).