

Series: Rethinking Work

Title: Wisdom and Warning Regarding Retirement

Text: Various Texts

Accountability: Share about any ways you applied lessons from the previous week/meeting.

Conversation Starter: Share about the very first job you had.

Synopsis: God's word provides us with plenty of wisdom and warnings regarding retirement. There are 3 areas we need to consider - Finances, Relationships, and Ministry. **Finances** - It's wise to save; saving little by little can grow substantially; work hard and avoid 'get rich quick' schemes. But we are also warned not to seek financial wealth and be poor towards God. **Relationships** - It's important that we think about what type of relationships do we envision for retirement. Will we have a deep relationship with our spouse once the kids leave our homes? Will we have healthy relationships with our kids once they are adults? Will we have deep friendships with others? If so, we need to begin now to develop good relational habits. Don't wait until retirement to start developing these habits. **Ministry** - we never retire from ministry! As we grow older, hopefully we gain more life experience that can be passed onto the next generation. Invest your life in others. We may not be able to do everything we used to do when we were younger but don't despise doing the small things that can still build God's kingdom.

Dig: Read Proverbs 21:20, 13:11, 28:19

1. What insights can you glean from these 3 passages from proverbs as it relates to retirement?
2. Read Luke 12:16-21. What does it look like to be rich towards God?
3. Read Proverbs 20:5. Who do you know that is good at having deep conversations?
4. Read Psalm 71:14-18. What can you glean from this passage as it relates to our latter years of life?

Application:

1. What can you do to grow in your financial stewardship?
2. Get together with someone (spouse/child/parent/friend) with the goal of having a deeper conversation.
3. Make yourself available and pursue an opportunity to impart your wisdom to someone in the next generation.