

# Job and Career Planning

## GUIDANCE THRU THE SCRIPTURES

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**Week #1 Job and Career Planning:  
Capitalism, Communism, Christianity**

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**Session Objective:**

This session will clarify the different cultural mindsets that influence our thinking about money.

**ISAIAH 55:1-4**

*Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;*

*and you who have no \_\_\_\_\_,*

*come, \_\_\_\_\_ and eat!*

*Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.*

*Why spend money (spending habits)*

*on what is not bread,*

*and your labor (\_\_\_\_\_)*

*on what does not satisfy?*

*Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,*

*and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.*

*Give ear and come to me;*

*hear me, that your soul may live.*

*I will make an \_\_\_\_\_ with you,*

*\_\_\_\_\_ the mercies shown to David.*

*See, I have made him a \_\_\_\_\_ to the peoples,*

*a leader and commander of the peoples.*

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GENERAL COMMENTS ON DAVID - in II Samuel, David becomes the wealthiest man in the Nation of Israel, and before he dies he gives it all away. He did not give his son Solomon any inheritance, which Larry Burkett recommends. A large inheritance will \_\_\_\_\_ your kids.

	<b>Gaining Personal Wealth</b>	<b>Financial Help to the Poor &amp; Weak</b>	<b>Value of People</b>
<b>CAPITALISM</b> " _____ " (Arrogant towards black Democrats: how can you back a party who backs abortion, etc)	_____ It is <u>assumed</u> that ever person will try to get _____ _____	They are a _____	They are _____
<b>COMMUNISM</b> " _____ " (Black democrats ask: how come white Republicans don't hurt for the poor?)	_____ & _____ _____	It is their _____	They are _____ (If people are God, the highest good you can do is to _____ people's _____.)
<b>CHRISTIANITY</b>	_____ & _____ (It is <u>not</u> assumed that you will make all the money you can)	It is a _____ _____ (the _____, the _____ & _____, and _____.)	Their worth is in _____ _____ (the goal of every penny we spend is to _____.) _____

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STUDY OF I SAMUEL 30:7-31

Verse 8 - seeking God for a \_\_\_\_\_ decision.

Verse 11-15 - this Egyptian was a \_\_\_\_\_ to an Amalakite. When he became poor or weak, he became a \_\_\_\_\_ and they tossed him away. He wasn't that sick, but his master had recently come into a lot of wealth. The more wealth you have, the less value people have.

Verse 21-23 - the evil men said, "They aren't getting any of my money!" David said, "You must not do that with what the Lord has given us." (Money is a \_\_\_\_\_ from God).

Verse 24 - in single seasons of huge increases of money, everyone gets \_\_\_\_\_.

Verse 26-31 - why did he send money to Judah? They had recently been \_\_\_\_\_. David only shared with his \_\_\_\_\_. He didn't say that everyone had a right. He sent it to those who had helped him.

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### BENEVOLENCE GUIDELINES

- \* We do not give money to people off the street. However, we say to any person "If you get in this church and you be humble and hungry for God, and we'll do whatever it takes to get you stabilized."
- \* We set our heart that the bulk of our finances will go to \_\_\_\_\_. (Comments on Building Sanctuaries). All benevolence comes through \_\_\_\_\_. (Description of How Money is Raised).
- \* If the need is continuous, then we give out of the General Fund and we require that they be \_\_\_\_\_ by a man or woman of God. (Description of How They Are Mentored). (Description of Evangelistic Outreach).

I'm talking about a mindset that's Christian.

Not Capitalistic, Not Communistic.

#### ANSWERS:

<sup>1</sup> money <sup>2</sup> buy <sup>3</sup> career <sup>4</sup> everlasting covenant <sup>5</sup> according to <sup>6</sup> witness <sup>7</sup> destroy <sup>8</sup> Republicans <sup>9</sup> Fulfillment <sup>10</sup> all the money you can <sup>11</sup> Pain <sup>12</sup> Tools <sup>13</sup> Democrats <sup>14</sup> Selfish <sup>15</sup> Moral Weekness <sup>16</sup> Right <sup>17</sup> God's <sup>18</sup> relieve <sup>19</sup> suffering <sup>20</sup> Reward <sup>21</sup> Responsibility <sup>22</sup> three-way <sup>23</sup> partnership <sup>24</sup> wealthy <sup>25</sup> poor <sup>26</sup> weak <sup>27</sup> God <sup>28</sup> Jesus Christ <sup>29</sup> bring people to Jesus Christ <sup>30</sup> financial <sup>31</sup> tool <sup>32</sup> pain <sup>33</sup> reward <sup>34</sup> equal <sup>35</sup> plundered <sup>36</sup> friends <sup>37</sup> people <sup>38</sup> Elders Groups <sup>39</sup> mentored

## Week #2    Job and Career Planning: Overview

1) Which of the economic mindset most closely matches your thinking? (circle one)

Capitalism    Communism    Christianity

2) Why is it important to see personal wealth as both a reward and a responsibility? \_\_\_\_\_

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3) What is your attitude toward the poor and weak? How much do you hurt for them? \_\_\_\_\_

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4) What would your reaction be if you suddenly had a huge increase in wealth? \_\_\_\_\_

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5) What would your reaction be if you suddenly had great financial needs? Would you be willing to follow the benevolence guidelines covered in this teaching? \_\_\_\_\_

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6) CHALLENGE QUESTION:

What one thing can you commit to apply/change to develop a stronger Christ-like mindset?

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## Week #2 Job and Career Planning: Overview

**Session Objective:** This session presents an overview of this tape series and describes the DEFS of working.

In First Grade you learned your **ABC's**. Now you need to know the **DEF's**.

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**D** Do you have **D** \_\_\_\_\_?  
*Proverbs 13:18 "He who ignores D \_\_\_\_\_  
comes to **POVERTY**."*

**A** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Scriptures** -- John 17:4, Luke 6:40, Hebrews 5:14, 12:11, I Corinthians 9:25  
In Luke 6:40, Jesus said a student who is fully trained will become

\_\_\_\_\_ his teacher. In I Cor 9:25, Paul referred to the Olympics. Those who compete in the games go into strict training. How much more should we be trained?

Important Word -- \_\_\_\_\_. Any career counselor will say "Let me see your resume." Then they will look for what areas have you received training.

When we form Christian theology without the Word of God we can be pseudo-spiritual. I have seen Christians who say, "Degrees are just man's standards. If God's going to call me God's going to bless me." No! Degrees say to a prospective employer this is a person who has

\_\_\_\_\_ in their life!

A lot of people misunderstand training. A big misconception is that if you didn't go to college you missed your chance for training. The three words I want you to write are:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Examples of People Going Through Training).

**B** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Scriptures** -- Proverbs 10:4, 12:24, 14:23, 18:9, 31:13, 31:17, Matthew 25:26-28, I Timothy 2:6

**Side Comment** - the world goes through "mood swings". If you went to job and career counseling 50 years ago, the world was in a certain mood. Now it's in a different mood. Usually the world is speaking with a piece of truth. The Bible has all the truth. This third point is the one that's the most undervalued and persecuted in the world today.

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**C** \_\_\_\_\_ - the ability to do the same thing, to \_\_\_\_\_  
**Scriptures** -- *Proverbs 21:5, Luke 12:35-46, Matthew 25:21,23,*  
*Hebrews 10:36, James 1:7,8, 5:11*  
(Examples of Consistent Behavior). Your value begins to increase over  
your \_\_\_\_\_.  
You make more than what your skill level is worth because they can't  
replace you. (Example of What Society Says).

Luke 12:35-46 is a fascinating parable where Jesus uses how you handle your job to ask: are you faithful spiritually? He talks about a manager who gets bored and starts changing a few things. Jesus draws the parallel to Christians who get bored and don't stay faithful.

>> **Combination of Stability and Hard Worker** - lets answer the question "When should I quit my job and start my business?" Here's what the two scriptural principles of hard worker and stability say –

\_\_\_\_\_ your 40-50 hour job for the next 2-5 years and spend 30 hours a week working \_\_\_\_\_. As soon as you have all of your equipment bought and paid for and \$50,000 in the bank, then quit your job!

**D** Able to handle \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Scriptures** -- *Matthew 6:24, I Timothy 3:3, 6:9, 10, II Timothy 3:2,*  
*Hebrews 13:5, I Peter 5:2*

Every person in this room could have their income cut in half and could live without \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Examples of Living Within Means).

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**E** Do you have **E** \_\_\_\_\_? (Excited, Enjoy)  
*Ecclesiastes 2:24 MLB "Let his soul get **ENJOYMENT** from his **WORK** this, too I saw, came from the hand of God."*

**DISC** In heaven, you will still have great variety of personalities. If you learn how God made you, you'll find the kind of work that will make you have energy.

**Caution #1** This is the \_\_\_\_\_ factor the world considers. Although we as Christians stop and say "What gives me energy?" we don't do it every five minutes. We stop maybe every five or ten years and say "Does this fit me?"

**Caution #2** You will never be able to \_\_\_\_\_

what gives you energy until you develop \_\_\_\_\_.

**Scriptures** -- Proverbs 1:2, 6:23, 12:1, 23:23

Proverbs 6:23 - "He who heeds discipline has opened up to him the way to life." Life is where you say, "I \_\_\_\_\_ my job! It fits me! It gives me energy! The Word of God says if you want to get to that place, you must first heed the way of \_\_\_\_\_. When you are trying to find what fits you, you better have first put in some long hard hours of work!

At what age is the most important time of your life to assess career direction and what fits you? - By fifteen to seventeen years old. If it is impossible to have the way of life shown to you unless you first have discipline, what does that say to us about how much during summers our fifteen to seventeen year olds should work? (Summer Work Examples).

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**F** Do you have **F** \_\_\_\_\_?  
*Psalm 45:12 "Men of **WEALTH** will seek your **F** \_\_\_\_\_."*

**A** Over a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Scriptures** -- *Isaiah 14-23, Jeremiah 46-51*

You can have great individual favor, but if God is removing a country's economic favor, you'll make less money. You can be weak in areas like discipline, etc but if God is blessing a country you will make more money.

**B** Over a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Scriptures** -- *Matthew 11:20-24, Revelation 2-3*

Twelve cities Jesus spoke to and said this is what's going to happen in this city. (Examples). You could've been the most efficient hardworking shopkeeper in Jerusalem in 70 AD and it didn't matter, you were out of business.

**C** Over a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Scriptures** -- *Genesis 49:1-28*

Jacob prophesied over his twelve sons. 80% of his prophesy is \_\_\_\_\_ (Examples).

**D** Over \_\_\_\_\_.

**Scriptures** -- *Genesis 46:34*

Egyptians despised all shepherds. There is favor on certain jobs. (Examples).

In the 1960's, did we have more economic favor than we have now or less? More. (Description of How Economy Changed from 1960s to 1990s). What does this do to the question of whether your daughters will work or not while they're moms? Generally, she's going to work as a mom! Women are choosing careers they can do while they

\_\_\_\_\_. (Examples).

**E** Over your \_\_\_\_\_.

**Scriptures** -- *Isaiah 61:1, II Corinthians 6:2*

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**S** Do you have **S** \_\_\_\_\_?

*Proverbs 22:29 "Do you see a man \_\_\_\_\_ in his work, he will serve before **KINGS**. He will **NOT** serve before **OBSCURE** men."*

*Proverbs 28:19 "He who **WORKS** his land will have abundant food, but the one who chases **FANTASIES** will have his fill of **POVERTY**."*

Career counseling starts with getting on your knees and looking in the mirror, and then having your wife or husband and someone who loves you answer some tough questions. One of the questions is: "How

\_\_\_\_\_ are you at what you do?" (Examples). Skill

is different from \_\_\_\_\_. Skill

is also different than \_\_\_\_\_. (Examples).

**A** How hard is it for your employer to \_\_\_\_\_ you?

**B** What are your \_\_\_\_\_ worth on the open market?

**C** If you own your own business, how good are you at:

i. Cash Flow  
employees

ii. Quality of Work

iii. Long-term satisfied

iv. Marketing

Notes

 **ANSWERS:**

<sup>1</sup> Discipline <sup>2</sup> discipline <sup>3</sup> Training <sup>4</sup> like <sup>5</sup> Resume <sup>6</sup> discipline <sup>7</sup> Never too old <sup>8</sup> Hard worker <sup>9</sup> Stability <sup>10</sup> stay <sup>11</sup> skill level <sup>12</sup> continue <sup>13</sup> on the side <sup>14</sup> money <sup>15</sup> financial strain <sup>16</sup> Energy <sup>17</sup> only <sup>18</sup> find <sup>19</sup> discipline <sup>20</sup> love <sup>21</sup> discipline <sup>22</sup> Favor <sup>23</sup> Favor <sup>24</sup> country <sup>25</sup> city <sup>26</sup> family <sup>27</sup> economic destinies <sup>28</sup> specific jobs <sup>29</sup> raise kids <sup>30</sup> individual life <sup>31</sup> skill <sup>32</sup> skilled <sup>33</sup> good <sup>34</sup> hard work <sup>35</sup> energy <sup>36</sup> replace <sup>37</sup> skills

**Week #2    Job and Career Planning:  
Overview**

**Please Evaluate Yourself In The Four Areas  
Mentioned In This Sermon As It Relates to Your Current Career**

1) Do you remember what DEFS stands for? How well do you demonstrate each?

D \_\_\_\_\_

E \_\_\_\_\_

F \_\_\_\_\_

S \_\_\_\_\_

2) Which of the DEFS do you need the most improvement?    D    E    F    S

3) What is one way that you can improve in this area in the upcoming week?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**If You Own Your Own Business**

5) How good are you at the four areas mentioned (Cash flow, Quality of work, Long-term satisfied employees, Marketing)? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Week #3    Job and Career Planning:  
Contentment I**

**Session Objective:**    This session presents the importance of being content in the work situation that God has you.

**3 QUESTIONS TO RESOLVE BEFORE YOU BEGIN JOB AND CAREER ASSESMENT**

In 50% of all Job and Career Assessments  
If You Resolve These Three Questions,  
All Your Questions Will Be Answered

**Question # 1 - What Is The GOAL Of A Job?**

**Answer** - To \_\_\_\_\_.

In the world, the goal of a job is \_\_\_\_\_, sense of \_\_\_\_\_, sense of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Scriptures** -- Ecclesiastes 4:4 - the mindset of people who do not serve God. In the world, the drive to achieve is from a desire to make yourself more valuable by achieving more than the next guy. As Christians, we say work is not where we find fulfillment, importance, worth, or value.

**Question # 2 - What Is the Christian's Goal With Money?**

**Answer** - \_\_\_\_\_.

A) If you have Minimal Income, your Goal is to NOT \_\_\_\_\_ About Money.

B) If you have Extra Income, your Goal is to use this Abundance to \_\_\_\_\_.

If you take 100% of all the scriptures on money in the Bible, about 20% of them are scriptures about \_\_\_\_\_. 80% of all the scriptures on money have one emphatic message: \_\_\_\_\_.

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Contentment I**

**Question # 3** - What is the DANGER of Money?

**Answer** - Trying to Find \_\_\_\_\_  
Through Money.

**SEVEN CONTENTMENT CALCULATORS**

# 1 Do you \_\_\_\_\_ about money a lot?

# 2 Are you habitually or consistently under financial  
\_\_\_\_\_?

Except for crisis situations, it's without exception that every other time  
you have financial strain, it has \_\_\_\_\_ to do with your  
\_\_\_\_\_. The whole subject of finding your value or sense of  
importance through things assumes that the higher your level of income,  
the more you will raise your \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Examples).

For a Christian who walks in contentment, they say, "Whatever income I  
make, we always live at 20-30% \_\_\_\_\_ than that.  
What happens when your standard of living is 30% below your level of  
income? What happens to your emotions and your mental state?  
\_\_\_\_\_!

# 3 If your standard of living \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ three or four levels, would it be  
hard for you to adjust?

For a Christian who has grasped contentment, the answer is No! The  
Bible is clear that our minimum level of contentment is \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_. (Examples).

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Contentment I**

# 4    Have you heard God on a standard of living that you are called to, and then taken anything above that and considered it \_\_\_\_\_?

This is the earth shaking realization as Christians that if our income

increases, our standard of living does \_\_\_\_\_ automatically increase. What the Scripture calls each of us to do is to hear God on the

\_\_\_\_\_ we are \_\_\_\_\_ to.  
(Examples).

Every Christian is called when you have extra or abundance to give it away. The tithe is undesignated to the local church, but that's just the starting place. Everything above the tithe is totally under your control, and that's fun! (Giving Examples).

**Scriptures** (Blanks for Notes) - Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-35

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# 5    If you have a \_\_\_\_\_ in income, do you automatically \_\_\_\_\_ your living expenses until you are free from strain?

# 6    Do you \_\_\_\_\_?

# 7    Do you \_\_\_\_\_?

What two types of debt destroy most families income? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Week #3 Job and Career Planning: Contentment I

### Scriptures –

Prov 15:17 **Better** a meal of vegetables where there is **love** than a fattened calf with hatred.

Prov 17:1 **Better** a dry crust with **peace** and **quiet** than a house full of feasting, with strife.

Luke 12:22-34 Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not **worry** about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. **Life** is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by **worrying** can add a single hour to his life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you **worry** about the rest? Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not **set your heart** on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the **pagan** world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

For where your **treasure** is, there your **heart** will be also."

1 Tim 6:7-8 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be **content** with that.

Phil 4:11-13 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be **content** whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Eccl 5:10 Whoever loves money never has money **enough**; whoever loves wealth is never **satisfied** with his income. This too is meaningless.

Mat 6:24 "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You **cannot serve** both God and Money."

1 Tim 6:9 People who **want** to get **rich** fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction.

Luke 16:9 I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

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## Week #3    Job and Career Planning: Contentment I

### Two Applications

1. This is talking about \_\_\_\_\_.
2. In \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 16:11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling **worldly** wealth, who will trust you with **true** riches?

Luke 16:15 What is **highly valued** among men is **detestable** in God's sight.

Luke 16:19-31 There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores...

Luke 8:14 The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are **choked** by life's worries, riches and pleasures.

Mark 10:21-25 Jesus looked at him and **loved** him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had **great wealth**. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How **hard** it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

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## Week #3 Job and Career Planning: Contentment I

1 Tim 6:17-19 **Command** those who are rich in this present world **not** to be **arrogant** nor to put their **hope** in **wealth**, which is so uncertain, but to put their **hope** in **God**, who richly provides us with **everything** for our **enjoyment**. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Luke 12:15-21 Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

Heb 13:5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be **content** with what you have, **because** God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

2 Tim 3:1-2 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, **lovers** of **money**, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy...

1 Tim 6:10 For the love of money is a **root** of all kinds of evil. Some people, **eager** for **money**, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Rom 12:6-8 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him **give generously**; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

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### ANSWERS:

<sup>1</sup> make money <sup>2</sup> fulfillment <sup>3</sup> importance <sup>4</sup> value <sup>5</sup> contentment <sup>6</sup> think <sup>7</sup> glorify God <sup>8</sup> prosperity <sup>9</sup> contentment <sup>10</sup> fulfillment or value or sense of importance <sup>11</sup> think <sup>12</sup> strain <sup>13</sup> nothing <sup>14</sup> income <sup>15</sup> standard <sup>16</sup> living <sup>18</sup> dropped <sup>19</sup> food <sup>20</sup> clothing <sup>21</sup> extra or abundance <sup>22</sup> not <sup>23</sup> standard of living <sup>24</sup> called <sup>25</sup> decrease <sup>26</sup> decrease <sup>27</sup> tithe <sup>28</sup> hate debt <sup>29</sup> credit cards <sup>30</sup> cars <sup>31</sup> insurance policy <sup>32</sup> eternity

**Week #3 Job and Career Planning:  
Contentment I  
Discussion Questions**

1) How OFTEN do you THINK about money? \_\_\_\_\_

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2) What do you use your EXTRA income for? \_\_\_\_\_

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3) What is the STANDARD OF LIVING that God has called you to? \_\_\_\_\_

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4) What is your attitude toward DEBT? \_\_\_\_\_

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5) What truths did you learn from the SCRIPTURES covered in this sermon? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Week #4 Job and Career Planning:  
Contentment II  
Discussion Questions**

**Session Objective:** This session presents the importance of being content in the work situation that God has you.

Heavens Gates / Hells Flames Outreach

PUBLIC ENEMY # 1 is \_\_\_\_\_

It is the main tool Satan uses to destroy a Christian's:  
Marriage / Mental State / Emotional State / Ministry / Job Stability

The ROOT of all financial strain is NOT understanding the subject of \_\_\_\_\_.

\*\*\* Review of Last Week \*\*\*

Atlanta Journal Article "Reality Check"

By \_\_\_\_\_

A Non-Christian does \_\_\_\_\_ understand Fulfillment.

A Non-Christian \_\_\_\_\_ NOT understand Fulfillment.

A Non-Christian is \_\_\_\_\_.

Book of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ human being deeply \_\_\_\_\_ a sense of

Fulfillment. God is \_\_\_\_\_ which means that God has great

\_\_\_\_\_. We are made in the image of God, therefore we

crave for our lives to have great \_\_\_\_\_.

(How Non-Christians Look For Fulfillment).

Book of Ecclesiastes - written by Solomon when he turned away from God. He studied fulfillment in his own power. Each time his

conclusion was all of it is \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus said He is

the only way, the only truth, and the only source of \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Week #4 Job and Career Planning:  
Contentment II  
Discussion Questions**

## Two Factors

A Christian Must Process Through to Understand Fulfillment,  
And Thus be Totally Free of Financial Strain  
(Not \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_)

# 1 Their \_\_\_\_\_.

Your marriage partner can only be content if they live at the standard of living they were raised at or above.

# 2 Their \_\_\_\_\_. (John 10:10, 14:6)

The essence of salvation is that you must say, "Everything I can do is emptiness and misery and I lay it all down and I give my all to You and I receive life from you."

For a Christian, the ONLY source of Fulfillment is in  
\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

I was of the kingdom of darkness and now I'm in the kingdom of light. I have a new king that is the source of life. Anything that involves expanding His kingdom will fulfill me.

1. Personal Life - inside your heart. If I am total failure in marriage, kids, job, etc I know I will stand before God and He will call me perfect because of Jesus Christ. Why does the Bible always talk about being continually \_\_\_\_\_ with the Holy Spirit? Because if every day you get more filled with the Spirit you will be full of the Spirit, and you'll be ful-filled! You could do great things and if you didn't first get filled with Him, you would end the day being empty, frustrated, and unfulfilled.
2. Marriage - the day that the only way your marriage will fulfill you is if it becomes an expansion of the kingdom of God is the day you realize that everything between you and your mate is something God is trying to teach you.
3. Kids / Church / Job

\*\*\* Story About How Jobs Became Fulfilling \*\*\*

### CONCLUSION

The only way I will ever find contentment or total Fulfillment in my job is to turn it into a \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Week #4 Job and Career Planning:  
Contentment II  
Discussion Questions**

1) How FULFILLED or CONTENT are you with your current financial situation? \_\_\_\_\_

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2) What aspects of your UPBRINGING affected your view of a proper standard of living? \_\_\_\_\_

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3) How can you turn your job into a MISSION FIELD? \_\_\_\_\_

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ANSWERS: <sup>1</sup> financial strain <sup>2</sup> contentment <sup>3</sup> definition <sup>4</sup> not <sup>5</sup> can <sup>6</sup> confused <sup>7</sup> Ecclesiastes <sup>8</sup> Every <sup>9</sup> craves <sup>10</sup> worthy <sup>11</sup> worth <sup>12</sup> worth <sup>13</sup> meaningless <sup>14</sup> life <sup>15</sup> reality <sup>16</sup> possibility <sup>17</sup> upbringing <sup>18</sup> salvation <sup>19</sup> expanding the kingdom of God <sup>20</sup> filled <sup>21</sup> mission field

**Week #5 Job and Career Planning**  
**What the Bible Does Not Say About Working Women**

**Session Objective:** This session presents a biblical view of women working.

**Review of First Four Weeks**

The GOAL of a job is \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_

**Decision Time**

If you're in a Financial strain, Life is Real Simple. You do one of Two Things:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Your \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Your \_\_\_\_\_

If you are Married, You make the same two decisions. But they must be \_\_\_\_\_ decisions.

**Very sticky Question of Women Working**

Word of Explanation:

Sometimes it is as important to know what the Bible doesn't say as what it does say. (Self Image Story). So we're going to study what the Bible does not say about working women.

**Scriptures** – Genesis 24; 29; Exodus 2; Ruth 2; Judges 4; Luke 8; Acts 16; 18

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**Week #5 Job and Career Planning**  
**What the Bible Does Not Say About Working Women**

I'll grant you that in the first four examples, once they married they GAVE UP their careers and put most of their energy into managing the home and raising kids. I'm not trying to come to the word of God and twist it. I look at all these examples and how little they speak to the subject of women working.

They did \_\_\_\_\_.(Ex.)

**Scriptures** --Proverbs 31:10, 13, 16,18,24,28

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There is NO DOUBT that the Word of God gives FREEDOM for some women, even moms to be called to careers.

**TIME MANAGEMENT**

There is no doubt that if mom can stay home, there is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_. However, if both work,

there's usually a much higher \_\_\_\_\_ level in time management.  
(examples)

**NURTURING OF CHILDREN**

If the mom can stay home all day, there is no doubt there is a

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. However, when a couple works, the

\_\_\_\_\_ is a much better nurturer. (Examples)

**Scriptures** - *1 Thes.2:11;12;17* – the best scriptures on nurturing fathers

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## Week #5 Job and Career Planning

### What the Bible Does Not Say About Working Women

#### HOW DO I DECIDE?

If the woman wants to stay at home but wants a higher standard of living than what her husband is supplying, and he's content, then she can either

get \_\_\_\_\_ or get \_\_\_\_\_!

If the man wants a high standard of living and the wife is willing to be content at a lower standard of living and live under his income level, she

can say to him, "I'm \_\_\_\_\_." The husband can get a second job or drop down his standard.

### THE MOST CONTENT WINS!



ANSWERS: <sup>1</sup>freedom from financial strain <sup>2</sup> increase your income <sup>3</sup> decrease your expenses <sup>4</sup> joint  
<sup>5</sup> whatever was necessary <sup>6</sup> much less stress <sup>7</sup> time <sup>8</sup> discipline <sup>9</sup>wealth <sup>10</sup> warmth <sup>11</sup> father <sup>12</sup> content <sup>13</sup>  
a job <sup>14</sup>staying home

**Week #5 Job and Career Planning**  
**What the Bible Does Not Say About Working Women**  
**Discussion Questions**

- 1) Please describe any CHANGES in your thinking about the idea of women working as a result of this sermon.

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**MARRIED COUPLES**

- 2) Wives - Are you CONTENT to live at your husband's level of income? If not, are you willing to work or do you expect your husband to provide a higher standard of living?

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- 3) Husbands – Are you CONTENT to live at your current level of income? If not do you expect your wife to work or are YOU willing to work more to earn the extra income?

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**Week #6 Job and Career Planning**  
**Stability is the Goal**

**Session Objective:** This session discusses the importance of stability with your work.

Introductory Comments  
The Four Goals of a Job  
(In Priority Order)

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1) To be free from \_\_\_\_\_  
The Christian's primary goal with money is to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ about money.

2) \_\_\_\_\_  
In the short term, goals #1 and #2 may clash, but in the long  
term they're almost \_\_\_\_\_ (Example of Job  
goals)

3) To make your job a \_\_\_\_\_.

4) To \_\_\_\_\_ your work.

**Stability Scriptures --**

? Galatians 5:22

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,*

*FAITHFULNES (\_\_\_\_\_), gentleness and self-control. Against such  
there is NO LAW (\_\_\_\_\_).*

? Matthew 23:23

*Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your  
spices –mint, dill, and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the  
law—justice, mercy and FAITHFULNESS (\_\_\_\_\_).*

? Revelation 19:11

*I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called*

*FAITHFUL (\_\_\_\_\_ ) and True.*

? 1 Corinthians 7:17-24

? Luke 12:24-46

? 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

**Week #6 Job and Career Planning**  
**Stability is the Goal**

Having a Goal of Stability:

- 1) Changes your \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 7:19)
  - a) Priorities for a Christian
    - i) \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii) \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii) \_\_\_\_\_
    - iv) \_\_\_\_\_
    - v) Job Impressiveness (1Corinthians 7:21)

Where will you expend your \_\_\_\_\_? Were you put your energy in your priorities. When you have instability in jobs, every time you change jobs it requires a tremendous amount of energy. When you have stability, you can get to a place where you can do your job in your sleep. When you set stability as your goal, your \_\_\_\_\_ matches your \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Week #6 Job and Career Planning**  
**Stability is the Goal**

- b) Changes how you handle \_\_\_\_\_
- i) The ROOT of restlessness in your job is a desire to \_\_\_\_\_ . (Genesis 2:15). The desire to produce is an imprint on our souls from God. When a man or woman gets free from financial strain and then gets stability, after a season of stability what always comes is \_\_\_\_\_ .

(RABBIT TRAIL ON OUTREACH PROJECTS)

- ii) Huge reward of true \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12)  
Always after stability comes restlessness. When the restlessness comes, if all you know to do is to say, "I don't enjoy my job anymore – I'm gonna change!", there's no energy left for your wife and kids. If your priorities are right, you can aim toward your walk with God, your marriage your kids, or reaching out to your coworkers. Take restlessness and turn it toward God's kingdom!

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ANSWERS: <sup>1</sup> financial strain <sup>2</sup> not think <sup>3</sup> stability <sup>4</sup> synonymous <sup>5</sup> mission field <sup>6</sup> enjoy <sup>7</sup> stability <sup>8</sup> rules <sup>9</sup> stability <sup>10</sup> stability <sup>11</sup> priorities <sup>12</sup> My walk with God <sup>13</sup> Your marriage <sup>14</sup> Your kids <sup>15</sup> Ministering Christ to others <sup>16</sup> energy <sup>17</sup> walk <sup>18</sup> talk <sup>19</sup> security <sup>20</sup> restlessness <sup>21</sup> produce <sup>22</sup> restlessness <sup>23</sup> productivity

**Week #6 Job and Career Planning**  
**Stability is the Goal**  
**Discussion Questions**

1) In the past Five (5) years, how many times have you changed jobs? Please describe your motivation for the job changes that you have made.

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2) How STABLE are you in your current job situation?

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3) How closely do your PRIORITIES match the list given on page 26? Are there any changes you need to make? (NOTE: Please share your actual priorities, not what you consider the “right” answers.)

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4) How will you handle RESTLESSNESS in the future, in light of this sermon?

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**Week #7 Job and Career Planning**  
**Stability is the Goal II**

**Session Objective:** This session discusses the importance of stability with your work.

**Personal Testimony About Stability**  
**Having a Goal of Stability**

Not a \_\_\_\_\_ Issue

But a \_\_\_\_\_ Issue.

- 3) Changes how you handle \_\_\_\_\_ at work.  
a) If you are going to work 20-40 years in a job you say, "We have to \_\_\_\_\_."

**Scriptures --**

Proverbs 19:11  
Proverbs 20:3  
Genesis 13:8

"I \_\_\_\_\_ quit" an/or "I \_\_\_\_\_ work here". I don't begrudge you that maybe God will move you on, but I do begrudge as Christians us not being honest. "Can't" or "won't"

b) I will \_\_\_\_\_ you.

- 4) Changes how you foresee future \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Scriptures**

Proverbs 20:21  
Proverbs 13:11

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## Week #7 Job and Career Planning Stability is the Goal II

**If you ...**

**Work for Someone Else:** And your goal is stability, you quit looking for huge increases.

**Own Your Own company:** if you could only say one piece of advice to a business owner, it would be "Watch your \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_". That comes right from scripture! Be

\_\_\_\_\_ about expansion. Before you can do that, you must first have a goal of stability! If your goal is stability, you

\_\_\_\_\_ to expand!

**Scriptures --** Proverbs 27:23-27

5) Greatly affects the \_\_\_\_\_ of looking for a job.

6) Is the opposite of wanting to get \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Timothy 6:9)


The CURSE over America is the DREAM of one day having a HUGE INCREASE of income. The word of God says that God likes to bless you, but if is commanded against in the Word of God to \_\_\_\_\_ to get rich!

**Scriptures --** Proverbs 28:20

7) Changes your FOCUS

- a) Makes it \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Makes it \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Makes it more \_\_\_\_\_.

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 ANSWERS: <sup>1</sup>ten cent <sup>2</sup>ten million dollar <sup>3</sup>strife <sup>4</sup>get along <sup>5</sup>have to <sup>6</sup>can't <sup>7</sup>outlast <sup>8</sup>increases <sup>9</sup>income <sup>10</sup>cash flow <sup>11</sup>cautious <sup>12</sup>don't have <sup>13</sup>decision making process <sup>14</sup>rich <sup>15</sup>want <sup>16</sup>longer <sup>17</sup>shorter <sup>18</sup>outward

**Week #7 Job and Career Planning**  
**Stability is the Goal II**  
**Discussion Questions**

1) How do you handle stressful situations at work? How can you APPLY the principles of dealing with difficult people covered in this sermon?

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2) What are your attitudes about FUTURE INCREASES IN INCOME and GETTING RICH QUICKLY? Are there any adjustments that you need to make in light of this sermon?

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**SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS**

3) What is your attitude toward EXPANSION of your business? What changes might you make in your business in light of this sermon?

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4) How will you handle RESTLESSNESS in the future, in light of this sermon?

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## Week #8 Job and Career Planning Hard work Pays

**Session Objective:** This session presents some reasons why hard work pays off.

### Overview of DEF's

There has NEVER been a BETTER TIME to be a hard worker!  
Proverbs 14:23 “ All hard work brings profit!”  
Today I want to present to you FOUR SECRETS

#### THINGS A HARD WORKER UNDERSTANDS...

- 1) When you DELAY starting Work, do it poorly, or don't finish; it makes you feel \_\_\_\_\_.

Poor workers always Wind up...

- a) Poor  
**Scriptures** -- Proverbs 10:4
  
- b) Depressed  
**Scriptures** -- Proverbs 19:15  
Proverbs 26:14-15
  
- c) Fearful  
**Scriptures** -- Proverbs 26:13  
Proverbs 22:13

The life of a poor worker is so hard. Because it's always hard, the thought of anything hard being given to them overwhelms them. They spend their whole life looking for an escape.

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## Week #8 Job and Career Planning

### Hard work Pays

2) Work Done Well (Finished with Excellence Makes you feel

\_\_\_\_\_!

**Scriptures** -- Genesis 1:4, 10,12,18,21,25,31

Hebrews 12:11

Proverbs 12:27

The lazy man did \_\_\_\_\_ of the work but he did not

\_\_\_\_\_, so he gets \_\_\_\_\_ reward.

Question: What percentage of difference is there between an

unfinished job and a good job? About \_\_\_\_\_!

a) Feels better than \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

The entertainment industry survives by convincing you that the ultimate in life is to play all of the time. In truth, Genesis 2:2-3

says that we are made to work \_\_\_\_\_ of the time. God

says you have MORE fun producing rather than doing nothing!

Ecclesiastes 5:12 “The sleep of a worker is sweet.”

b) This is the reason HARD WORK gets \_\_\_\_\_.

I’m not saying everyone needs to go to college if they want to reach their full potential. The reason people get training is not to get more money. They simple learned that work done with excellence makes you feel so good that they want a higher level of excellence. The higher level of excellence you produce in work, the better you feel!

Subject of Parenting: one of the defining moments in your parenting life

will be when one of your kids decide \_\_\_\_\_.

It will be one of the deciding moments of whether you have taught them the secrets. To expand that, second only to teaching your kids about Jesus...

## Week #8 Job and Career Planning Hard work Pays

THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT TIMES IN YOUR KID’S LIFE ARE...

#1 - \_\_\_\_\_ Around the House

#2 - \_\_\_\_\_

If I said, “If you could improve your parenting, what would you do?”, most would say, “I would play with my kids, take more vacations, etc...”.

I’d rather have a dad that \_\_\_\_\_ his kids to consistently work hard and \_\_\_\_\_ over them when they work hard.

3) \_\_\_\_\_ is the opposite of being a hard worker  
Phillipians 2:14

Complaining...

a) Drains your \_\_\_\_\_

**Scriptures –**  
Proverbs 18:21  
Isaiah 53:6-8

Statement: “Well, I’m just stating the obvious”. They don’t know the secret. When you complain for a millisecond it feels good. A cloud of heaviness and weariness covers you and it doesn’t feel as good. It drains your energy!

b) Kills \_\_\_\_\_.

**Scriptures --** James 3:1-2  
Proverbs 106:25-26

Hard workers know this. If they go to the boss, they have an idea that will help the boss more than it will help them. They only open their mouth when they are dealing with something and then they deal with it very positively. All Complaining is of the devil. (Phil 2:1-4)

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## Week #8 Job and Career Planning Hard work Pays

Four Applications for Being a Hard Worker

- #1 Your \_\_\_\_\_
- #2 \_\_\_\_\_
- #3 \_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_
- #4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) God wants to \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ your work

Every time you work, God is right there with you for two reasons: God loves \_\_\_\_\_ and God loves \_\_\_\_\_!

**Scriptures** -- Colossians 3:17, 22-24

Closing thought:

If you are NOT a hard worker and your eyes are opened just a little bit, by tomorrow they'll be slammed shut again. You have an incredibly small chance here. There is only one hope for you. You can only change by getting to know God so intimately that 10,000 times over the next five years that you ask him for help in your work.

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ANSWERS: <sup>1</sup> lousy for a long time <sup>2</sup> great for a long time <sup>3</sup> 90% <sup>4</sup> finish <sup>5</sup> no <sup>6</sup> 10%  
<sup>7</sup> rest <sup>8</sup> play <sup>9</sup> 6/7ths <sup>10</sup> training most <sup>11</sup> whether to go to college or not <sup>12</sup> cleaning up  
<sup>13</sup> homework <sup>14</sup> requires <sup>15</sup> raves <sup>16</sup> Complaining <sup>17</sup> energy <sup>18</sup> promotions <sup>19</sup> children  
<sup>20</sup> exercise <sup>21</sup> looking for a job <sup>22</sup> counseling <sup>23</sup> guide <sup>24</sup> bless <sup>25</sup> you <sup>26</sup> work

**Week #8 Job and Career Planning**  
**Hard work Pays**  
**Discussion Questions**

1) Based on the four SECRETS described in this sermon, HOW HARD of a worker are you?

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2) What are some way in which you can IMPROVE and become a harder worker?

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3) What can you do to RESIST the temptation to COMPLAIN about your job?

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**PARENTS**

4) Do you REQUIRE your kids to clean up and do homework before they plan? How high of a priority is it to you to teach your children the importance of hard work?

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**Week #9 Job and Career Planning  
Wisdom**

**Session Objective:** This session presents scriptural support for work-related wisdom.

**Scriptures --**

Proverbs 4:7

Proverbs 2:10

Proverbs 3:14

Proverbs 3:17

Proverbs 4:6

Proverbs 8:15-18

Proverbs 8:35-36

Proverbs 24:3-4

Proverbs 24:14

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## Week #9 Job and Career Planning Wisdom

Of all the truths we have studied, if you were only going to grasp one message, it would be this one.

### Three Definitions for Wisdom

- 1) Wisdom is \_\_\_\_\_ foolish mistakes that
  - a) \_\_\_\_\_ you thousands of dollars
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_ years of energy
  - c) \_\_\_\_\_ marriages and friendships
  
- 2) Finding the \_\_\_\_\_ route to \_\_\_\_\_ victory.

**Scriptures --** Ephesians 5:15-16

- 3) Understanding \_\_\_\_\_ this is God's will. This is the reason that the book of \_\_\_\_\_ is so important.

**Scriptures --**

*Psalms 103:7*

Colossians 1:9

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## Week #9 Job and Career Planning Wisdom

### STORIES ABOUT HOW WISDOM APPLIES TO DEF'S

1) Wisdom calls out to you at the \_\_\_\_\_ times in your life.

Wisdom is NOT a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Scriptures --**

- a) Proverbs 1:20-21
- b) Proverbs 8:1-4

At crisis times, it is hard to cultivate \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 13:20). The best insurance program you have got is to build and cultivate relationships with wise people.

2) Wisdom always starts with finding out where you were \_\_\_\_\_.

People who go through major decision times – how often do they seek \_\_\_\_\_?

They don't! The reason people don't ask for advice is because the first part of advice is finding out where you are wrong!

- a) Proverbs 1:23
- b) Proverbs 1:30-31

“What would you do in my situation?” Don't ask them to tell you what you did wrong, or evaluate you. Ask them what they would do! But it's so rare for people to ask.

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## Week #9 Job and Career Planning Wisdom

3) Wisdom is gathered \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

If someone is in a crisis, are they looking for 17 pieces of the answer or “the answer”? “The answer”! Wisdom is gathering nuggets.

a) **Scriptures** -- Proverbs 2:2-4

Nobody has a greater answer that fixes your situation.  
When you quit looking for it, you get \_\_\_\_\_ for  
the \_\_\_\_\_.! You recognize men of wisdom by how  
many \_\_\_\_\_ they ask you before they  
\_\_\_\_\_.

b) **Scriptures** -- Proverbs 19:20

c) **Scriptures** -- Proverbs 11:14

d) **Scriptures** -- Proverbs 15:22

Why is scripture always saying many advisers bring wisdom? Because nobody is going to have all the wisdom you need.

## Week #9 Job and Career Planning Wisdom

4) Wisdom is always \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
and \_\_\_\_\_

How much wisdom does it take to see, if someone's in a crisis, what they have done wrong? It takes a \_\_\_\_\_ .

How much wisdom does it take to not only see what they have done wrong, but also see what they need to do to fix it? A \_\_\_\_\_ sometimes.

How much wisdom does it take to help them see so many of the aspects, that what they need to do to fix it is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to them?

A \_\_\_\_\_!

Review of Proverbs scriptures

One last time, write down:

\_\_\_\_\_

Don't say you have got wisdom until you say , "its sweet, its pleasant". If you understand that, you'll get every other point.

One Request:

Seek Wisdom

Seek Wise people

Cultivate relationships with wise people.

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ANSWERS: <sup>1</sup> avoiding <sup>2</sup> cost <sup>3</sup> waste <sup>4</sup> ruin <sup>5</sup> shortest <sup>6</sup> easiest <sup>7</sup> lasting <sup>8</sup> why <sup>9</sup> Proverbs <sup>10</sup> decision <sup>11</sup> daily goal <sup>12</sup> relationships <sup>13</sup> wrong <sup>14</sup> advice <sup>15</sup> piece <sup>16</sup> piece <sup>17</sup> patience <sup>18</sup> hunt <sup>19</sup> questions <sup>20</sup> give advice <sup>21</sup> peaceful <sup>22</sup> pleasant <sup>23</sup> little bit <sup>24</sup> good bit more <sup>25</sup> pleasant <sup>26</sup> sweet <sup>27</sup> lot <sup>28</sup> Patience for the hunt

**Week #9 Job and Career Planning**  
**Wisdom**  
**Discussion Questions**

1) Of all of the stories told in this sermon about applying wisdom, which on or two of them did you learn the most from? What did you learn?

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2) Do you have CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS with WISE PEOPLE? How can you cultivate those relationships?

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3) How willing are you to learn what YOU did wrong as the starting point of wisdom?

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4) Do you grasp and understand the concept that wisdom always ends with the statement, "It's sweet, it's pleasant"? What questions do you have about this concept?

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