

Discipleship

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I. Introduction. For us to end well we must run well.

II. We are called to the same vocation—to add to and strengthen the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4)

III. The purpose of work with our hands.

A. To express our gifts and talents.

B. To provide for necessities. (Acts 18:3, I Thessalonians 2:9, II Thessalonians 3:8)

IV. Necessities.

A. Contentment. (I Timothy 6)

B. Faith. (Hebrews 11:6)

1. Faith can only function in the realm of the impossible.

2. We are not to be anxious about tomorrow. (John 14:21, Matthew 6:34)

V. Obstacles to faith.

A. Personal indebtedness. (Romans 13:8)

B. Accumulated treasures. (Matthew 6, Jeremiah 23:28, II Peter 3:10, Proverbs 22:4)

C. Love other human relationships over Jesus. (Luke 13:28-30, Jeremiah 17:5-6, Hebrews 12:16-17)

VI. What we have in abundance we should invest in others. (II Corinthians 8:11)

VII. Guidelines for handling money:

A. How does spending this money relate to the Great Commission?

B. Is it really a need or just a desire? (Philippians 4:19)

C. Have I asked the Lord in prayer?

D. Everything is given to us by the Lord, so we must use it wisely. (I Corinthians 4:1-2)

Application questions:

1. Why is it important to understand our vocation?

2. What does contentment look like?

3. Which obstacle to faith do you struggle with the most? How can you overcome this?
