

MANAGING FOR THE MASTER - PART 8

Outline #8 PLANNING FOR SUCCESS

Sing to the LORD - Psalm 96:1-2,6-9,13

1. Prioritizing—first things first

- a) Ecclesiastes 12:1 What is Solomon saying here? Are we only to remember our Creator when we are young?
- b) What commitment did Solomon's father make in terms of priorities? Psalm 16:8
- c) What teaching of Jesus reinforces the importance of putting God first in your life? Matthew 6:33
- d) How does the decision to put God first in your life impact major life decisions, like choosing a life partner, choosing a career, etc.? (2 Corinthians 6:14)
- e) When did you make the commitment to put God first in your life?

2. Choosing a fulfilling life work

- a) God didn't intend for our first parents, Adam and Eve, to be idle in their garden home. What fulfilling work assignment was given to them? Genesis 2:15
- b) What important guideline for life is embedded in the Sabbath commandment? Exodus 20:8-9
- c) How can you plan for success in your work life?
- d) Why is the counsel of the apostle Paul so helpful as you engage in your daily work? Colossians 3:23-24
- e) Who has been an inspiring role model for you as a worker who serves the Lord Jesus Christ?

3. Providing for your family

- a) What are your thoughts about the counsel the apostle Paul gives to Timothy about providing for the needs of those under our care?
 1 Timothy 5:8
- b) What are some other ways we need to provide for our family besides food, clothing, and shelter?
- c) How does the counsel of Moses in Deuteronomy 6:4-9 relate to providing for the needs of your family?
- d) Some of us grew up in home settings where we did not have a good example of providing for family needs. What can a person do to break unhealthy patterns and experience a new beginning?

4. Developing a sound financial plan

- a) Get organized. Proverbs 27:23-24
- b) Save a portion of your earnings. Proverbs 6:6-8
- c) Avoid debt. Proverbs 22:7
- d) Be content with less. Proverbs 15:16

5. Living with integrity

- a) Proverbs 22:1 How does a person acquire "a good name"?
- b) How does the inspired counsel of the apostle Paul to Christians in Corinth help us to live with integrity? 1 Corinthians 10:31
- c) Name someone who has been an inspiration to you as a person who lived/lives with integrity.

