

1. Work is a good thing (Adam) – Pre-sin
 - a. Good to be in a situation where you are working out of your talents, abilities, and gifts
 - b. One aspect of work is simply working because we were created to do it
 - c. Another aspect of work is working because it is our responsibility
 - d. The goal is to try to combine the two
2. As a believer, work takes on a whole new meaning – Lifework
 - a. God did not create you to work from 9-5 until you are 55 years old
 - i. Why has our society been so focused on retirement (early retirement; saving for retirement)
 - b. You were created to work hard all the time until your time is up
 - i. What do you think the different phases of life will look like
 - c. Lifework consists of – family, church, job, community, finances (1 Thess 4:9-12; 2 Thess 3:6-15)
 - d. Knowing the principles is important; but it takes wisdom to know how to apply them when our life circumstances are constantly evolving (core issue that will always be an issue)
3. Planning – So you're not reactive; you're getting in front of situations
 - a. Why do we plan for anything?
 - b. Planning must be coupled with wisdom, which includes what? Learning, instruction, wise counsel, understanding
 - c. What are some of the foundational planning principles
 - i. Knowing your goals (specific, measurable, realistic, and timeframe)
 1. How do you know you have the right goals? Others' help; also ii. (know your limitations and issues), and iii. (priorities)
 - ii. Know your limitations and know your issues
 - iii. Knowing your priorities
 - iv. Set milestones
 1. What intervals?
 - v. Reflect on past performance to recalibrate
 1. What should you be looking for?
 2. How do you avoid blindspots (i.e., looking back and seeing everything as success)? Accountability; monitoring by others
 - vi. Lifelong process
 1. Because we have a lifelong mission and lifelong work, we must be lifelong planners