

What God Says About **Retirement**

It's the American Dream. Work for 40 years, and turn in your timecard for a motor home. Enjoy the "good life" of the golden years by cultivating self-serving inactivity. Make it your goal to abandon all commitment. Stay loose. Don't make any moves that tie you up at all because you've earned your leisure.

Leisure. Have you ever heard that from God's lips? Don't hold your breath, because He is deathly silent on the subject. Rest, yes. Leisure, no. Rest is restoration from the effects of a productive lifestyle sufficient to put the worker back into the work. Leisure is the conscious development of an escape from work, practiced part-time through most of the life, with a goal of becoming full-time as soon as possible!

What should a person do when he doesn't have to work any longer to pay the bills? The question is important to everyone who plans to one day face life beyond the office!

▪ Reasoning Through Retirement

1. **If you follow God's will for your life, you should prepare for old age!**

Psalm 92:12-15; Proverbs 9:11-12

2. **If you want to prepare for the future, the time to start is now.**

Proverbs 6:6-8,21:20

3. **If you wait too long to prepare, you will accept risks that will cloud your future.**

Ecclesiastes 5:13-15

4. **If you focus on equity over ethics, your golden years will be tarnished.**

Proverbs 28:16

5. **If you appreciate the gift of life, your outlook will always be positive.**

Ecclesiastes 11:7,8

▪ Notes