Week 8 - Building Your Career

In this week of Blueprints we will discuss building our careers and lessons learned from the life of Jacob.

Read Genesis 28:10-15

Only the Holy Spirit can give you a dream that can show you your future. We have to ask ourselves: “Am I following my dream or am I just putting one foot in front of the other?” It’s never too late to follow a dream from God. The devil will try to tell you that you are “over the hill”. Lester Sumrall was in his 80’s when the Lord gave him a vision to by a C-130 aircraft and ships to minister around the world. You should make a plan and get training that has a specific focus on a career and find a mentor who has experience in the vision you want to pursue.

Question:
What would your dream occupation look like. what do you feel is hindering you from achieving that dream?

Read Genesis 28:20

If you make a commitment to God as you pursue your career it will carry you through from the time you have nothing until you prosper and beyond. We should commit three areas to God; to serve Him and walk humbly before Him no matter how successful we become, to worship Him and make commitments to serve in the house of God, and commit to tithe your income. Now is always good time to start tithing to God and see His favor poured out on your life.
*Question;*
Take a few minutes and discuss what happens in believer’s life when the three areas listed above are neglected; Serving God, worshiping and tithing.

*Read Genesis 29:20*
As we grow in our careers we must remember to put our families before our careers. Too often a successful career is achieved at the cost of family. Some important things to remember are:
Establish stability - You need to put roots down so you will grow as a family
Establish routines - Have family nights with kids and date nights with your spouse
Establish accountability - make sure you have accountability relationships

*Read Genesis 30:27*
We can win the favor of our employer or future employer by living a life of excellence in the work place. Three ways that we can be an above average employee are;
Punctuality - Be early for work and appointments. Being on time for an appointment shows how much you value the person you are meeting with.
Motivation - Show that you are “in the game” and not just punching the clock.
Loyalty - Refuse to be a part of the “water cooler critics”

*Question:*
How are you at establishing routines in your family. What does your average week look like?
Take a few minutes and pray for the members of the group and their careers. If someone needs a job or would like to change their career, pray for the wisdom and direction of the Lord for them.