What Kind Of Tent Maker Was Paul?

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INTRODUCTION

- I know that tents play a part in the biblical narrative.
- The first enclosed place of worship to God was a tent. The word tabernacle just simply means a tent.
- What we're really going to try to ask and answer is how can I glorify God in my life in the things that I do?

1 Paul Was a Good Tent Maker

Acts 18:1–3; Colossians 3:22–23

- He worked at this secular occupation of making tents to support himself in the preaching of the gospel.
- Bond servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eye service as men pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God, and whatever you do it heartily as to the Lord, not to men.
- He was the type who would have done this work not just to please men, but to please God.
- That in every pursuit of our life, that we do our best.
- I will diligently give my best at a citizen of this government, as a neighbor in my neighborhood, and as an employee or employer on the job, because God is my master.

2 Tent Making as a Blessing From God

1 Thessalonians 2:9; Acts 20:33–35; Ecclesiastes 2:24–26

- Paul would have approached tent making and the ability and the opportunity that God gave him to make those tents as a blessing from God.
- For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil. For laboring night and day that we might not be a burden to any of you, we preach to you the gospel of God.
- These hands have provided for my necessities and for those who are with me. remember the words of our Lord Jesus, that he said, it is more blessed to give than to receive.
- We have been given by God the opportunity and the blessing to be able to go to work to make an income so that we can take care of ourselves, and so that we might be a blessing to others.
- Instead of always trying to find a source for complaint, try, at least try, to find in everything a source of rejoicing.
- When we look at God, we put these things in perspective, and he says, there's nothing better.

3 Paul Was a Godly Tent Maker

1 Corinthians 10:31

- Paul teaches us that our Christianity is not one compartment of our life, separate and distinct from every other.
- The true child of God is a Christian every day and every way of his or her life.

- Whether you eat or drink, do all to the glory of God, surely applied to his secular occupation.
- All of us are called upon to do what Paul did as a tent maker and to use what we have in this life to glorify God.
- We must make sure that we do not allow those secular pursuits to become worldly pursuits.
- We can use the most mundane and trivial things of this life to glorify God by doing them heartily as to God and not unto men.

THE CHALLENGE

Would you become a Christian this morning, believing in Him, repenting of your sins, confessing that faith and to be baptized this morning?

MY NOTES