

What I Learned on Sabbatical

Sabbatical – What/Why

2 Corinthians 11:28 » And apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches.

Three Encouragements for our Church

1) We are Not _____

Philippians 1:18 » What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

2) We are _____

Philippians 2:2 » make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

3) How We _____ Matters

1 Peter 4:7-10 » The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober *spirit* for the purpose of prayer. ⁸ Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaint. ¹⁰ As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Two Lessons for Life

1) We all need _____

Mark 2:27 » Jesus said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.

2 Thessalonians 3:6 » Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. [ESV]

Hebrews 4:9-11 » ⁹ So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ...
Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

2) Prioritize the _____!

1 Timothy 4:7b-8 » ...Train yourself for godliness; ⁸ for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.