

THE Big 3

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TITLE: Why Bi-Vocational Ministry is the Future of Church Leadership

Does bivo ministry sound like freedom to you? Or is it horrifying? What would the benefits be to you, your family and church if you were to do ministry and life while also having a job outside the church? Here are three key things to remember about bi-vocational ministry:

1. **You are already on God's "staff"!** While it is certainly a privilege to have your church community help to meet your needs financially, there is no two-tiered system in the kingdom of God. We are all full-time paid missionaries—God gets to choose how and through which means he routes our paychecks! Live as a family of missionary servants sent as disciples who make disciples and trust God for your care.
2. **Find your relationship playground.** Having a job within your community is one of the absolute BEST ways to stay connected to a steady stream of relationships outside of the church. It also models integrity between leadership and "laity" i.e. leaders live a lifestyle and have responsibilities and time constraints similar to those they are calling to lead and serve within the church. Start by getting a part-time job, even if it feels "beneath you" right now.
3. **Don't jump off a cliff or fail to have a plan!** If you're in vocational, paid ministry now and feel God is calling you to make a change, start to get educated or move toward having another source (or two) of income that can begin to replace your current salary *before* you just quit your present position. And if you know you want to be a bivo church planter or saint, learn a skill that is marketable outside of the church. A degree in youth ministry is not very marketable outside the church!

Perhaps the Church needs to go back, to go to the future. She will need to once again, like it was for most of the last 2000 years, get back to the priesthood of all believers and a leadership that is bi-vocational.

If you are looking for a way to create self-sustaining income without having to sacrifice your time with your family or neglect your church, you'll want to check out the program put together by the guys at Church Planter Magazine, Pete Mitchell and Peyton Jones. [You can check out the BIVO Inner Circle program by clicking here.](#)

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