

Retirement Planner

If you have completed the exercises in Sections One to Three, you will have—

- plotted out a timeline.
- articulated your ministry journey.
- discovered your transition quotient.
- learned how to gain and maintain margin.

You are now well on your way towards planning your retirement. You can customize this exercise for your current needs, focusing on legacy, encore and retirement lifestyle. Please re-read Section Four on Finishing Well and work on what is most necessary for you. In particular, look at Chapter 12, Writing a Personal Ministry Plan for Finishing Well.

Plan on taking a series of prayer and planning retreats to pray, reflect and begin to articulate your ideas. As you come away from these retreats, it might be helpful to use the following worksheet to list retirement projects as SMART goals*

SMART GOAL	START	RESULT	END

*SMART GOALS: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time-bound

Retirement planning exercises:

- Pray
- Plan
- Run towards the finish
- Look at your timeline
- Do some pruning, look at necessary endings
- Ask yourself, when am I done?
- Re-read the tips for finishing well in Chapter Nine.
- Discuss your retirement plans as a couple
- Develop your encore
- Make an inventory of gifts, talents, hobbies, skills, energy, interests, finances.
- Find cheerleaders
- Develop your legacy
- Write a succession plan
- Draft a transition plan