

# Acts 18:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.

## Analysis

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Paul 'wrought' with them because 'he was of the same craft' - tentmaking. Manual labor dignified Paul's ministry and avoided financial burden on new converts. 'By their occupation they were tentmakers' may include leather work generally.

## Historical Context

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Jewish rabbis were expected to have a trade. Paul's tentmaking gave him independence from Corinthian patronage and modeled dignified labor.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How does bivocational ministry provide freedom and credibility?
2. What does Paul's manual labor teach about the relationship between work and ministry?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ	διὰ	τὸ	ὁμότεχνον	εἶναι	ἔμενεν	παρ'	αὐτοῖς
<b>And</b>	<b>because</b>	G3588	<b>of the same craft</b>	<b>he was</b>	<b>he abode</b>	<b>with</b>	<b>them</b>
G2532	G1223		G3673	G1511	G3306	G3844	G846
καὶ	εἰργάζετο·	ἦσαν	γὰρ	σκηνοποιοὶ	τῇν	τέχνην	
<b>And</b>	<b>wrought</b>	<b>they were</b>	<b>for</b>	<b>tentmakers</b>	G3588	<b>by their occupation</b>	
G2532	G2038	G2258	G1063	G4635		G5078	

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Thessalonians 2:9** (Parallel theme): For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.

**1 Corinthians 4:12** (Parallel theme): And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:

**2 Corinthians 11:9** (Parallel theme): And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep myself.

**2 Corinthians 11:7** (Parallel theme): Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely?

**2 Corinthians 12:13** (Parallel theme): For what is it wherein ye were inferior to other churches, except it be that I myself was not burdensome to you? forgive me this wrong.