

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

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

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

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

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

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

Additional Cross-References

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.