

# Jesus Was Bi-Vocational

By Van Yandell

Matthew 9:35: "Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people."

A very difficult goal to achieve with young people is to persuade them to look farther into their future than short term. A goal of many educators is to help students realize and plan for an inevitable future.

When teaching secondary industrial arts, a part of my effort was to acquaint students with their many vocational choices.

As a youth, my dad taught me and other young people working for him, skills needed in plumbing, electrical, masonry-concrete, and other trade areas.

Many trades now have a shortage of skilled workers. Being a teacher first and a tradesman second, a part of my responsibility was to encourage students to prepare for a vocation but also to be skilled in a second trade.

In today's world, many occupations are becoming obsolete but new opportunities are taking their place. A part of job awareness and preparation is to be flexible and adaptive.

My dad often said to me

"When you go to college." In the 1960's, college was seen as being necessary for success. Dad was one of those with that opinion. He never said "If you go to college." College was not viewed by him as an option but a requirement.

As the years have passed, we are finding a four year degree as somewhat less of a benefit than sixty years ago. I often see college graduates without job options and many are working in occupational areas not gained by their degree or are hopelessly unemployed.

Having a plan has always been essential. Preparing for a second occupation is simply common sense but many are still failing to engage in such an effort.

Related occupational awareness is another skill job seekers must rely on. Tradesmen in most cases should be proficient in math and communication skills. Multi-tasking is a must in today's world of work.

Welders must know metals, carbon content, alloying agents used in metals plus math and special skills, organizational skills and safety awareness.

My high school typing teacher taught accounting, short-hand and other business skills. In later years she became an office manager in

the school central office. Her crossover skills were beyond astonishing plus having the personality of an angel.

Mark 6: 3 "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him."

To realize the inhabitants of Nazareth were "offended" by Him is disgusting and depressing to many of us. We must realize Jesus made the following statement for a reason.

Mark 6: 4 "But Jesus, said unto them, a prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house."

Why do people not recognize their own? Is it because of jealousy? Is it because in most cases, they know the individual too well?

Are we all bi-vocational as was Jesus? He was a carpenter, a healer, a supernatural-God man on earth capable of performing miracles and a Savior. We have our chosen vocations and our God-called vocation. Vocation and calling are at times considered synonymous and one may have influence on the other.

We are our chosen vocation but also God has chosen us to act on a specific task He selected us to tell the world

about Him.

Acts 1: 8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

While some religions teach hatred, killing, self-aggrandizement, power and/or prestige, Christianity teaches love and eternity. Even within the Christian community many are preaching the faith is all about the individual and earthly prosperity. This is a total lie; it has always been and will continue to be all about Jesus.

Acts 9: 15 "But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel."

If you are a believer-follower of the Lord Jesus, you are also a chosen vessel as was the Apostle Paul. Any soul you win to Christ is just as precious and important as those Paul won.

We are living in a world of skepticism. Refusal to believe anything spiritual and supernatural has become a trend in our world society.

For Christians to consider ourselves bi-vocational is more important in our world today than ever. There are now over eight-billion peo-

ple on planet earth and a vast majority of those do not accept a faith based belief in God Jesus.

Faith is the only legitimate belief system we have for something we have not personally witnessed or experienced. Probable every American that reads this believes George Washington was the first president. But none of us saw him, did we?

If Christians do not tell the world about Jesus, no one will, and our world will continue into a state of degradation because there is no other way for people to know God's laws; specifically to know right from wrong.

We must always teach that eternal salvation is attained by a faith based belief (Ephesians 2: 8) in Christ Jesus crucified (Matthew 27: 35) for the remission of sin (1 John 1: 9), resurrected (Matthew 28: 6) and ascended alive in to Heaven (Acts 1: 9).

Realize and understand, we are "chosen vessels" and the imperative of the Gospel is before us. Yes, Jesus was bi-vocational and so are we!

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# Tips To Safeguard Mental Health Daily

When seeking to be as healthy as possible, it's important that people do not overlook the importance of protecting mental health. The World Health Organization says more than a billion people across the globe live with a mental health condition.

The need for action on mental health is urgent and undeniable, as safeguarding mental health is integral to a person's well-being.

The National Institute of Mental Health says that mental health is more than just the absence of a mental illness. It includes emotional, psychological and social well-being. Self-care and action play key roles in maintaining good mental health and getting support and treatment if a serious issue is present.

Here are steps anyone can take each day to protect their mental health.

- Exercise regularly. Just 30 minutes of exercise most days, which can include walking, can boost a person's mood and improve health. The NIMH says small amounts of exercise add up, so it's possible to spread out the 30 minutes over the course of the day. Exercising outdoors also exposes a person to nat-



ural sunlight, which is proven to boost mood.

- Foster relationships. Good relationships are important for mental well-being. If possible, a person should take time each day to be with family, friends or colleagues. Volunteer work at a local school, community group or hospital can foster socialization for those who may not be able to get together with friends or family with regularity.

- Learn new skills. The United Kingdom-based NHS Services says research shows learning new skills can improve mental well-being by boosting self-esteem and self-confidence. It also helps identify a sense of purpose.

- Relax. People

should schedule time for relaxation and stress management. Yoga, meditation, reading, or spending time in nature are great ways to slow down, relax and recharge.

- Seek help. Anyone with a mental health concern should seek someone to talk to. For some, simply talking things through with a friend or family member may be enough to resolve issues. Others may find that talking to a therapist or counselor is the best course of action. There also are support groups where others who understand similar experiences can provide validation and support.

- Curtail harmful behaviors. Some people turn to drugs and alcohol to mitigate

als should consult with medical professionals if they suspect they may need medication or additional help to treat mental health issues.

Efforts to safeguard mental health are essential. Anyone who

has concerns about their mental health or the mental health of others should speak first to a primary care provider. He or she can then offer a referral to a qualified mental health professional.

**- NOTICE -**

**The Union County Board of Elections will meet Thursday, January 15 at 10:00 A.M., rather than their normal scheduled meeting time (third Tuesday at 10:00 A.M.). This meeting will take place in the county clerk's office and is open for the public to attend.**

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
UNION CIRCUIT COURT  
CASE NO. 25-CI-00013**

TAX BRAKE KY, LLC PLAINTIFF

vs.

STEPHEN SCOTT HANCOCK; CITY OF MORGANFIELD, KY;  
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF UNION DEFENDANTS

**NOTICE OF SALE**

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Union Circuit Court on the 22nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025, I will on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026**, at the hour of **10:00 A.M.** or as soon thereafter as may be possible at the Courthouse door in the City of Morganfield, Union County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Union County, Kentucky, to-wit:

**Property Address: 7 Congress Drive, Morganfield, Union County, KY 42437**  
**PVA No. / Map No.: M3-26-04**

*The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.*

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale.

GIVEN under my hand this the 6th day of January, 2026.

Stephen M. Arnett, Master Commissioner  
1/28c

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
UNION CIRCUIT COURT  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 23-CI-00077**

PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC PLAINTIFF

vs.

CHRISTOPHER TYLER ALLEN WILSON  
AND UNION COUNTY DEFENDANTS

**NOTICE OF SALE**

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Union Circuit Court on the 28th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025, I will on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026**, at the hour of **10:00 A.M.** or as soon thereafter as may be possible at the Courthouse door in the City of Morganfield, Union County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Union County, Kentucky, to-wit:

**Property Address: 9389 US Highway 60 West, Sturgis, Union County, Kentucky 42459**  
**PVA No. / Map No.: 52A-10-03**

*The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.*

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 5.1250% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale.

GIVEN under my hand this the 24th day of November, 2025.

Stephen M. Arnett, Master Commissioner  
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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
UNION CIRCUIT COURT  
CASE NO. 24-CI-00261**

MID SOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERS, LP PLAINTIFF

vs.

BONNIE SUE STRAKER A/K/A BONNIE SUE WADDELL;  
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF UNION;  
MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC. MTAG AS CUSTODIAN FOR  
MGD-KY, LLC. CITY OF MORGANFIELD, KENTUCKY;  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF BONNIE SUE STRAKER  
A/K/A; BONNIE SUE WADDELL; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS  
OF 35 SENATE AVENUE

**NOTICE OF SALE**

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Union Circuit Court on the 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025, I will on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026**, at the hour of **10:00 A.M.** or as soon thereafter as may be possible at the Courthouse door in the City of Morganfield, Union County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Union County, Kentucky, to-wit:

**Property Address: 35 Senate Avenue, Morganfield, Union County, KY 42437**  
**PVA No. / Map No.: M3-29-07**

*The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.*

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale.

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