

# TENDRIL™

Bob;

I have to admit that I always thought that the concept of retirement was a bit odd. I watched my father (who was a very senior exec at Boeing) retire and it didn't look very interesting to me. On the other hand, the people I admired were those that were getting up in years but still "getting it done" in their professional lives. These people seemed to be living much more exciting and fulfilling lives than those that were sitting on the sidelines. Your very first session captured my attention as you were espousing something contrary to the widely held concept of retirement... I was a ready audience.

Of course, as we got deeper into it I discovered that you were really talking about augmenting (or over time even replacing) one's Career with a Calling and with a Calling that leveraged one's God given gifts and talents as well as the experience garnered to date. Given the opportunity for a return of 30, 60 or 100 fold why would one ever consider heading to the sidelines?

Taking the words from a relatively well known movie "you had me at hello" but then the work began. Over the next three years, you challenged us to get the foundation right such that we'd be prepared and ready to pursue our calling with vigor. The encouragement and guidance around getting our personal, family, professional and kingdom realm in order provides the foundation for bearing much fruit. I appreciate your guidance and mentoring in this area.

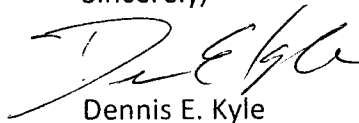
At this point, I'm still working to find more margin and to clarify my calling but I've got a couple of ideas that I'm working on and I'm doing so with an air of confidence. I'm very interested in two things.. the role of the church in modern society and things international. Right now I'm working on those two things independently but also wondering if there's a way for them to come together.

On the Church side, I'm utilizing what little margin I have along with the appropriate God blessed market place skills to help launch a second campus in an area where there is a dearth of churches. I have nothing against mega churches but I have a passion for the local church and for the impact that "known" people can have community by community.

On the international side, I've found a few brothers that believe we help those who were born without the opportunities we have here by giving them a marketplace whereby they can sell their goods. I've never considered active participation in the import/export business but that's where this is headed. Right now we're focused on exporting good from Haiti made by local artisans and distributing them here in the United States.

Without participation in your program I certainly would likely have let both of these opportunities to engage "pass me by." Instead I was looking for a place(s) where God would have me use my gifts and talents. Things aren't fully crystalized yet but I'm on the way. Bottom line I recommend The Master's Program to any believer that has a sense that there's more to this life than just showing up at Church more often than not.

Sincerely,



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