

# TIPS ON CHOOSING A VOCATION

In his book, *Christian Counseling* (Word, 1980), Gary Collins lists six reasons why vocational decisions may be made wisely or unwisely.

## 1. Social Pressure

Youth may be pushed to make career choices while they are still immature. This often leads to vocational choices that are disappointing.

## 2. Personality Influences

If a "people" person gets into a job without involvement with people, he may be frustrated.

## 3. Interests

If a job is boring, it isn't likely to bring much personal fulfillment, even if the salary is high.

## 4. Aptitudes or Abilities

When we are "doing what we do best," then there is great vocation fulfillment. Workers feel frustrated when they are unable to do what the job requires.

## 5. Values

What is most important in life? The three greatest influences on career choice are these: helping people, earning money or attaining status, and having opportunity to be creative.

## 6. Divine Leading

Most Christians believe that God guides in the lives of His children. Some people want and seek this guidance; others do not.