
Editor's Perspective

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One of the richest and wisest men in all human history – King Solomon – had occasion to reflect on his life. He shared his thoughts with us in the book of Ecclesiastes. While there is much lamenting that many of his accomplishments were futile, Solomon stops short of saying we should not strive to achieve. In fact, he says we should live life and enjoy it, for the works of the righteous are in God's hands (Ecclesiastes 9:1). He also adds, "Whatever your hands find to do, do with all your strength" (Ecclesiastes 9:10a).

Life is full of transitions. These can be moments for reflection, much like Solomon. About a year ago, I began to give serious thought to how (and when) I wanted to end my academic career. If I had two or three years before retirement, what would be the best investment of my time? Naturally, my thoughts included the Christian Business Faculty Association. I have been blessed to serve the organization in two roles—as program chair for the annual conference and as editor for the *Christian Business Academy Review*. Ecclesiastes 3 begins with Solomon's discourse on time. He tells us, "There is an occasion for everything" (verse 1). He adds, there is a time "to build" (verse 3) and "a time to uproot" (verse 2). Could I continue to serve CBFA in both my roles and serve well? For me, the answer was no. After much careful thought, I decided it was best to pass the editor torch to someone else. And with that, I want to introduce Dr. Joseph Snider from Indiana Wesleyan University as the next editor for the journal. Joe has been a regular attendee and presenter at our annual conference. His analytical mind and attention to detail will serve him well in this new role.

As I end this part of my CBFA journey, I want to publicly thank a few individuals who have encouraged me and have been great help during my time managing the journal. First and foremost, if I have done anything right, it was due to my predecessor, Emmett Dulaney. Emmett patiently shared with me all the intricacies of the job. I also received incredible support from CBFA's past director of publications, Andy Borchers, as well as the past editor for the *Journal of Biblical Integration in Business*, Larry Locke. Any journal would not be possible without the efforts of volunteer reviewers, particularly those members of the Review Board who commit to serve in that capacity year in and year out. Traci Pierce was the inspiration behind the new Teaching Talks submission category. I also want to acknowledge some of my biggest encouragers, John Duncan and Scott Quatro, who first approached me about getting involved with CBFA. And then there is my sister, Trish Berg, whose "coffee discussions" helped keep me focused on many occasions. Finally, many thanks to Cara Miller who takes all the pieces and puts them together masterfully into the product we get to enjoy each spring.

In closing, there are two more groups that I want to thank—the authors who were so willing to labor with me to bring their scholarly works to the second group, the readers of this wonderful journal. Let me end by challenging both to continue finding "a time to plant" and "a time to build" your ideas in this journal and to do so "with all your strength."

