When it comes to Kids Ministry there seems to be 4 categories
1. Full Time KP  
2. Part Time KP  
3. Volunteer KP  
4. Volunteers

Each category has its difficulties, but each category has the same thing in common
They are ministers of the Gospel

But this is not a new thing people who serve in church have had to work other jobs

The best example of these “Tent Makers” is of course Paul: 1 Cor 9:14-18

Those who preach the Good News have every right to benefit from that job

Paul made a choice not to benefit; a good majority of us don’t get to make that choice

But that does not mean we do not take our ministry as serious as those who are full time

The way that I figure there are few major areas we need to work to keep in balance

Ourselves: Physically and Spiritually
Our Families
Our Jobs/Ministries

Burnout in not a loss of dedication and commitment, but the loss of emotional or physical energy

The first area of focus has to be yourself

Physical
1. Learn how to eat right
2. Going along with eating right is to get more exercise
3. Learn to relax and rest

Spiritual
1. Read your Bible
2. Read other books
3. If you are able to get to service make sure that you take notes & if you are not find other sources
4. Network with other Kids workers

After your relationship with God your most important relationships are with your family

There is a tension between our ministry at church and our ministry at home

This tension is not the problem and thinking that if we feel a tension we must be doing something wrong, but the reality is we can have that tension and be in the middle of God’s will
In the end it is up to you, you have to prioritize, you can never forget that you can say no; and you have to put in the work to make sure your family does not come to regret the work you have been called to do.

Protecting your Family relationships
1. Set up boundaries and stick to them
2. You have the responsibility to make them want to be there, to make church a place my family looks forward to being at
3. But the biggest thing is just been to be honest is communicating with my family, this is Ministry we are doing and why we are doing Ministry
4. Make your family your partners in Ministry

Job and Ministry

A.W. Tozer said “It is not what a man does that determines whether his work is sacred or secular, it is why he does it”

No matter where you fall in the category of ministry: volunteer, part time, full time, teacher, pastor; you are a minister.

If you are Ministering where God has called you to be then you are a minister wherever you are

There are challenges of working another job and ministering at church, even if you are full time there is the job part of working at church, that has nothing to do with your ministry

Challenges of Working and Ministry
1. Balance is the toughest, you always have to be evaluating and re-evaluating
2. The understanding of everyone in your life
3. You have to be able to prioritize
4. And the last and biggest danger: Burnout
   Galatians 6:9 says Do not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up

Your responsibility is to be the best where God has called you to serve

You have to be fully engaged and present in all the areas of your life
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