

Excellence: Delaying or Obeying?

Culture Statement

“We are excellent and bring our very best because we serve the Best. We diligently do what is right whether or not someone is watching. We believe that the worlds standards of excellence should never out-perform the church.”

1 Peter 2:9 KJV

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;

1 Corinthians 10:31 NIV

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

- 1. We need to obey what God has told us to do and that includes maintaining what He has given us.**

Dealing with Laziness and Procrastination

Ephesians 6:13 AMPC

Therefore put on God’s complete armor, that you may be able to resist *and* stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place].

1 Thessalonians 1:6-7 NLT

6 So you received the message with joy from the Holy Spirit in spite of the severe suffering it brought you. In this way, you imitated both us and the Lord. **7** As a result, you have become an example to all the believers in Greece—throughout both Macedonia and Achaia.

- 2. We need to do our very best and do it with a good attitude**

Dealing with Bad Attitudes

Ecclesiastes 9:10 NASB

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might...

Psalms 100:2 KJV

Serve the Lord with gladness....

Ephesians 6:5-8 NKJV

5 Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; **6** not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, **7** with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, **8** knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether *he is* a slave or free.

Hebrews 6:10 NIV

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

3. We need to prioritize what God has asked

Dealing with Busyness

John 15:1-2 AMPC

1 I am the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser.

2 Any branch in Me that does not bear fruit [that stops bearing] He cuts away (trims off, takes away); and He cleanses *and* repeatedly prunes every branch that continues to bear fruit, to make it bear more *and* richer *and* more excellent fruit.