

Commitment to Excellence

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing the from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.” Colossians 3:23-24

In a recent meeting of our Men’s Study Group, the focus of our discussion was the importance of understanding how our lives and the work we do reflects upon our God. We looked at the story of the Queen of Sheba’s visit to Solomon in 2 Chronicles 9:1-9 and her reaction to what she saw. When others see us, how we live and conduct the Lord’s business, it should cause them to realize that there is a God and we are His people. When excellence is exemplified among God’s people, God is glorified.

Does your life exemplify excellence? When others see you, your behavior, how you talk, how you worship and serve, your attendance, does it make God look good? Do you believe God deserves the best of our worship and in our work? When you give God your best, He is pleased and you are blessed. I want to encourage you to make a “Commitment to Excellence” starting today. Here is what I shared with the men on how we can give God our best and I ask you to do the same. From this day forward:

1. **BE ON TIME.** Arrive 15 to 30 minutes prior to the start of a service, class, meeting or any other activity. Chronic tardiness does not glorify God but punctuality does.
2. **BE PREPARED.** If you have been given a task to carry out, make sure you are ready and equipped to carry out your task. Don’t wait until the last minute. Take the time to properly prepare yourself.
3. **BE RESPONSIBLE.** Fulfill your commitment. If you know you will be absent or unable to carry out an assigned responsibility, let someone know. Remember, others are counting on you including the Lord.
4. **BE AN EXAMPLE.** Embody and exemplify a genuine and sincere love and commitment to Christ for others to follow. Conduct yourself in such a way that when others see you, it encourages them to follow Jesus.
5. **BE A SERVANT.** Be available, humble, willing to listen and learn and ready to serve God. Use your skills, time, resources and influence for God’s glory. We have been saved to serve not saved to sit.
6. **BE A TEAM PLAYER.** Look for ways to encourage others serving in the kingdom. Don’t let your pride or ego lead you to think or act selfishly. The church is a body made up of many members, not one. We can accomplish more together than we can separately.
7. **BE COMMITTED TO GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND IN WHAT YOU DO.** Never settle for less than your best. God gave His best for us. We should give our best for Him. Look at your life, your choices, your work for the Lord and ask yourself, *“Is this the best I can do?”*

Someone once said, *“You are what you repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit.”* When you and all of us, as the people of God, develop the attitude where we know and act as if everything we do is for the Lord and not men and begin to exemplify excellence in our lives and areas of ministry, God will be glorified and blessings will be imparted. Don’t settle for less than your best.