

Lesson Notes:

A Commitment to Excellence

God is not only pleased with us when we commit to serving him with excellence but he also rewards us abundantly for it. Below are scriptural principles for committing oneself to excellence in Christ.

Scriptural Principles

- 1) **Solomon tells us in Proverbs 22:29 that a commitment to excellence will put us before Kings.**
- 2) **God does his work in excellence. When he created the world the end result was it was “Very Good”. – Genesis 1:31** – God sets an example for all of us in the creation story.
- 3) **God equips people with certain skills according to his purpose for us. – In Romans 12:4-8** Paul tells us that each of us are given gifts for serving God. We need to find a balance between our desires and what we are equipped to do to effectively serve God.
- 4) **In Exodus 40:16 we find that Moses performed his work as the Lord commanded him.** - Moses may not have known it but his commitment to excellence was an example for those that followed him.
- 5) **As a result of Moses effort the management team for the builders of the tabernacle emulated Moses example. – Exodus 35:30-35; Exodus 36:1**
- 6) **Also, as a result of Moses examples the laborers that built the garments for Aaron and his sons and the builders of the tabernacle emulated Moses example proving that a positive attitude is contagious. – Exodus 39**
- 7) **We are to do our work as if Jesus is evaluating our effort. – In Ephesians 6:5-8** Paul tells the servants and the masters to work as if they are serving God himself.
- 8) **God promises reward for excellence. – In Colossians 3:23-24** Paul promises a reward for those that serve God in excellence. David tells us in **Psalm 37:4-5** that if we commit our ways to the Lord he will give us the desires of our heart.