

# ***Pursuing Excellence***

*Scripture: Colossians 3:23-24*

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."*

Pursuing excellence is not about perfection or seeking recognition from others; it's about giving your best in everything you do as an act of worship to God. When we strive for excellence, we honor Him by fully using the gifts, talents, and opportunities He has entrusted to us.

Excellence isn't limited to big, visible achievements. It's about showing up every day with diligence, commitment, and a heart that seeks to glorify God. It's in the way you practice, the attitude you bring to challenges, and the integrity you maintain even when no one is watching. For us, pursuing excellence means going beyond what's easy or convenient. It's about being faithful in the small things like completing tasks with care, showing integrity, and being disciplined in how we use our time and talents.

In life, we may face distractions, discouragement, or even moments when we're tempted to settle for "good enough." But Scripture reminds us that we're not working for human applause; we're working for the Lord. He sees every effort, every sacrifice, and every step we take in pursuing excellence for His glory.

Excellence also involves perseverance. It's not about instant results but about consistently showing up and trusting God with the outcome. When we pursue excellence, we reflect His character, because God Himself is excellent in all He does.

## **Reflection Questions:**

1. In what areas of your life can you pursue greater excellence?
2. Are there distractions or excuses that keep you from giving your best for God?
3. How can you align your efforts with the mindset of serving the Lord?

## **Prayer:**

"Lord, thank You for the talents and opportunities You've given me. Help me to pursue excellence in everything I do, not for my own glory but to honor You. Give me the strength to persevere, the focus to stay disciplined, and the humility to remember that my efforts are for You. Amen."