

Monday
10/31/11 **In Word or Deed**

As Paul tells us we need to do everything in the name of Jesus Christ, and give thanks to the Father.

READ: Colossians 3:17

QUESTIONS: What does it mean to do everything in the name of Jesus Christ each and every day? How can you give thanks to the Lord today through the things you do?

Pray Daily Prayer

Wednesday
11/2/11 **Not for an Earthly Master**

Paul calls the slaves not only to obey their earthly masters, but to do everything excellently, as if doing them for the Lord.

READ: Colossians 3:22-24

QUESTIONS: Why would Paul tell the slaves to do things excellently even when their masters weren't watching them? What bearing does his encouragement to work with 'sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord' have on their work? How can you apply these encouragements from Paul into your daily life of work, school, or play and strive for excellence even when you do not receive any earthly praise or honor?

Pray Daily Prayer

3. Excellence is a

Numbers 29:36
Colossians 2:24
1 Peter 1:18-19

Tuesday
11/1/11 **With All Your Heart**

Paul writes to the Colossians and tells them to work with all their hearts as if they are working for the Lord Jesus.

READ: Colossians 3:23-24

QUESTIONS: What is the connection between working with all your heart and working for the Lord? What are some ways that you have received the reward from the Lord for working with all of your heart for Him?

Pray Daily Prayer

Thursday
11/3/11 **Without Defect**

The Israelites were called to bring excellent offerings to the Lord, without defect. Which also meant they came at a premium price.

READ: Numbers 29:12-40

QUESTIONS: Why was God so specific in the requirements for the Israelite people when it came to sacrifices? What would it cost you to truly offer excellence to the Lord? How can you begin doing this more and more each day of your life?

Pray Daily Prayer

Answers:
serious business ~ expected ~
pleasing offering

All scripture is from the NIV (New International Version) Bible unless noted above.

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Excellence Expected

1. Excellence is _____
_____.
Colossians 3:17, 23-24

2. Excellence is _____ by
God.
Colossians 3:22-24

Winning the county for Christ

Friday Redeemed with the Precious Blood of Jesus
11/4/11

It was Jesus Christ's precious blood that redeemed us from a life of sin, sorrow and despair. He was the perfect sacrifice for our sins.

READ: 1 Peter 1:18-19

QUESTIONS: What was the empty way of life that Peter was talking about here? Why would he have reminded them that it was not the "perishable things" that saved them? Jesus was the Precious Lamb, without defect, who took our place and redeemed us on the cross. Today, respond by thanking Him for being that perfect sacrifice for our sins.

Pray Daily Prayer

Saturday and Sunday Holy and Pleasing to God
11/5/11-11/6/11

We are called to offer our best, our excellence, to God as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable.

READ: Romans 12:1

QUESTIONS: How would this comment read differently if Paul did not mention God's mercy? What does it mean to be "holy and acceptable"? How can you live as an excellent offering, "holy and acceptable" to the Lord? What changes do you need to make in your heart and life to be "Holy as I (God) am Holy"?

Pray Daily Prayer

Excellence Expected

Jesus Christ expects excellence from us in everything that we do. He is holy, and our lives are to be lived as an offering to Him, holy and acceptable.

Pray daily for our church family...

Paul Bailey, Christy Baker, Larry Brinley, Wayne Day, Amy Denlinger, Donna Donovan, Connie Flatter, Patsy & Bud Gable, Preston Geesaman, Shannon Hall, Laura Hart, Heidi Linebaugh, Bette Reamer, Margaret Richards, Mary Rodeheffer, Mark Simpson, Dale Sink, Tom Stucke, Linda Vehorn and Mary Williams.

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October 29 & 30, 2011
John Whirledge

MY PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK:

DAILY PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, help me to live as you lived, and strive for excellence in everything that I do. I want to live as an offering to you every day of my life.