

# GRACE NOTES

Series: FAMILY VALUES

Message: *Excellence Matters*

Date: Sunday, September 25, 2016

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## Mission --

**Grace Fellowship exists to glorify God by bringing people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.**

## Vision --

**Grace Fellowship is a community of believers where each person:**

- **Believes in Jesus Christ and has a growing faith.**
- **Belongs to a small group where Christian relationships can develop and grow.**
- **Becomes more like Jesus daily in attitude and action.**

## Core Value --

**Excellence matters because it honors God and inspires people.**

Excellence is an imperative for the church because we carry the name of \_\_\_\_\_!

Whatever you do, work at it with all your \_\_\_\_\_. Each one should \_\_\_\_\_with \_\_\_\_\_.

How we live is an \_\_\_\_\_to God.

God has not call His people to be adrift in a sea of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Is this mission worthy of our best effort, of our sacrificial giving, of our dedicated service, of our very lives?**

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# STUDY NOTES

Is the word “excellence” intimidating or inspiring to you?

Think back to an occasion where the experience was excellent at a restaurant and to another where the experience was mediocre. In what specific ways did the experiences differ? Which would you want to visit again? Which would you recommend to take someone to?

Thinking back to Sunday’s service and the message, in what ways were you challenged, encouraged, or changed your thinking or actions?

Read **Colossians 3:23-24**.

What is the motivation for the believer as he or she lives life and does their work?

Read **1 Corinthians 3:10-15**.

We build our lives on the sure and certain foundation of Jesus Christ. In what ways does Paul say that we can build on that foundation? What do you think he means by verse 12?

Think about verses 14 & 15. What are these verses saying? What does it mean for us as we live each day?

Pastor Jimmy used the example of Cain & Abel and the one about David and Arunah. How do these examples teach us that our daily lives are an “offering to God”?

Have you been challenged to consider the excellence of what you offer to the Lord seven days a week? What has God shown you?

How do you believe you can pursue excellence - at home, at work, at school, in your neighborhood, and in and through your church?

How can Grace Fellowship pursue excellence in fulfilling our mission and vision?

Thinking back to the Martin Luther King, Jr. video. What was his point? Did you agree with it?