



## Today's message...

### **Is not about**

Ranting  
Scolding  
Should-ing  
Criticizing  
Moralizing  
Complaining  
John's pet peeves  
What's wrong with you

### **Is about**

Who you are  
Whose you are  
What's going on  
Holy Spirit  
Excellence

## Key verses

Colossians 3:23. Put your heart and soul into every activity you do, as though you are doing it for the Lord himself and not merely for others.

Colossians 3:17. Let every activity of your lives and every word that comes from your lips be drenched with the beauty of our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One. And bring your constant praise to God the Father because of what Christ has done for you!

1st Timothy 5:25. It is the same way with good works [as it is for sin]: Even if they are not known at first, they will eventually be recognized and acknowledged.

Titus 2:7a. Above all, set yourself apart as a model of a life nobly lived.

## Key verses

Ephesians 6:6-8. Always do what is right and not only when others are watching, so that you may please Christ as his servants by doing his will.

7 Serve your employers wholeheartedly and with love, as though you were serving Christ and not men.

8 Be assured that anything you do that is beautiful and excellent will be repaid by our Lord, whether you are an employee or an employer.

Additional verses cited today:

Genesis 1:26-31. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:9. Matthew 5:14. Matthew 5:38-42  
2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 2:14-16.

## Table Time

1. Describe one thing you have done, or seen, a Christian do that fell short of excellence and affected how you viewed them.
2. In your own words, how would you instruct or encourage a fellow believer to bring excellence into what they do?
3. *Silently ask Holy Spirit:* “In how I live or what I do, what’s the one thing I could do **this week** that would make the most positive difference in bringing excellence for Jesus?”  
*Journal or share Holy Spirit’s answer.*

## Who was that? What’s that smell?

Ephesians 2:10, JET. It is imperative that we wear the coat God has tailored for us. It is of utmost necessity that we resound and resonate as the poem we were written to be. We are able to do this, we should do this, because this is who we really are.

2nd Corinthians 2:14-16, NRSV. But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads in every place the fragrance that comes from knowing him.

15 For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing;

16 to the one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things?