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Summer Series: New Community – Seeking Excellence
in Ministry
Scripture: Mark 7:37; Col 3:23; Haggai 1; 2Cor 8:7

“When you are doing things well; People Notice”

Excellence then is doing your best for the Lord.

When you excel at doing the Lord’s work with excellence; God notices.

The Lord notices ...

- I. When we have fallen for the “good enough” trap.
v. 1-6, 9-11 Rebuke

Give Careful thought to your ways. v. 5, 7

What happens when we don’t choose the best for the Lord?

V. 6, 9, 10-11 – Rebukes and brings discipline.

The Result of Spiritual Lethargy (vv.6, 9-11).

The Lord Notices...

- II. Our Struggles and Gives Us the Remedy to our Problems. (v. 5, 7, 8). Remedy

The Lord Notices...

- III. That we fear and obey Him, so He blesses us.
(v. 13-15). Reward

A. The way the Lord Rewarded (vv. 13-14).

The Lord rewarded them by:

1. The promise of His Presence (v. 13).
2. Stirred up His Spirit in His people (v. 14).
3. Obedience of Zerubbabel and Joshua (v. 12). The Leaders.
4. Obedience of the People (v. 12).

Luke 6:38

2 Corinthians 8:7 New International Version (NIV)

⁷ But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you^[a]—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

Notes