

- perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
2. Through the prayers of others. Col. 4:12 - Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.
  3. Through someone sharing the Word with us. I Thes. 3:10 - Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?
  4. As we study the Bible for ourselves. II Tim. 3:16-17 - All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.
  5. As we suffer. I Pet. 5:10 - But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.
  6. By giving us a hunger for holiness. II Cor. 7:1 - Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.
  7. Through a desire to have fruit in our lives. Luke 8:14 - And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.



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SERVING WITH EXCELLENCE

*Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. (Is. 12:5)*

Our God does all things well (Mk. 7:37) – do we? The God who would assess the results of His creation as being “very good” (Gen. 1:31), has created us in Christ Jesus unto good works (Eph. 2:10).

- Every believer has been given a new power (II Cor. 5:17).
- Every believer has been given a new purpose (I Cor. 10:31).
- Every believer has been given a new position (Rom. 12:5).
- Every believer has been given a new prize (Mt. 25:23).

Simply put, the servants of the Lord are called to serve Him with excellence (Col. 1:9-12). For the Christian – **It is a sin to do less than your best.**

THE PURPOSE OF  
COLONIAL HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Colonial Hills Baptist Church exists to glorify God (Eph. 3:21) by evangelizing the lost (Matt. 28:19-20), exalting Him in worship (John 4:24) and equipping believers to walk worthy of the Christ (Col. 1:10).

The very first priority in the purpose statement of Colonial Hills Baptist Church is to glorify God. We are saved “to the praise of the glory of his grace” (Eph. 1:6, 12, 14). If our motive for service is anything other than the glory of God, what we do will be only religious activity and not true Christian ministry! What exactly is meant by, “the glory of God?” How do we know that what we are doing is really glorifying God?

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- Service that glorifies God defies human explanation. While the work being done is undeniable, it is also inexplicable (Jn. 3:8).
- Service that glorifies God deplores personal adulation. Our light is to shine so that God is seen and the servant is forgotten (Matt. 5:16; Jn. 3:3). Whether in life or death, service that glorifies God is focused on Christ (Phil. 1:20-21).
- Service that glorifies God demonstrates divine intervention. When God's work is being done God's way there will be fruit (Jn. 15:8). Ministries may appear successful and not be fruitful.
- Service that glorifies God discovers satanic opposition (I Cor. 16:9). Satan's darts are fired at his enemies. Where there are fiery darts there is real ministry!

### COLONIAL'S PRACTICE

#### Our Worship: The DNA of our Corporate Assembly.

1. Scripture-Saturated, Savior-Centered Preaching - Jn. 17:17.
2. Soul-Stirring Singing that Glorifies God – Col. 3:16.
3. Supplication before the Throne of Grace – Matt. 21:13.
4. Sacrificial Giving – I Cor. 16:2.
5. Sharing Communion – I Cor. 11:24.

#### Our Walk: The DNA of our Individual Activity.

1. Studying the Scriptures – II Tim. 2:15.
2. Speaking the Gospel – Rom. 1:16.
3. Serving with Excellence – Rom. 12:11.
4. Sweetness in Fellowship – I John 4:7
5. Separated from the World – I John 5:15-17.

In order to serve the Lord with excellence, Colonial Hills Baptist Church is very intentional with regard to our worship and our walk. Our **Distinctively Non-Negotiable Attributes (DNA)** sets us apart as a church where people seek to serve the Lord with excellence.

### GOD IS THE EMBODIMENT OF EXCELLENCE

Those who would be motivated to serve with excellence are motivated by the character of God. God is excellent in all of His attributes and all of His actions.

1. God's name is excellent. Ps. 8:1 - O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. Ps 148:13 - Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

2. God's loving-kindness is excellent. Ps 36:7 - How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.
3. God's salvation is excellent. Is. 12:2-5 - Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.
4. God's work is excellent. De. 32:4 - He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.
5. God's way is excellent. Ps 18:30 - As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.
6. God's will is excellent. Rom. 12:1-2 - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God

The ramifications of the greatness of God are profound for, "The people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits" (Dan. 11:32). When God is left out, there is no model for excellence.

### THE APOSTLE SET AN EXAMPLE OF EXCELLENCE

Since the Apostles were given to be the foundation of the church (Eph. 2:20), it should not surprise us that they provide a wonderful example of what it means to serve the Lord with excellence. Consider the excellent example that the Apostle Paul provides as a servant-leader in II Cor. 12:

1. A servant leader is not grasping but is giving (v. 12-14).
2. A servant leader is not reserving but is releasing (v. 15).
3. A servant leader is not excusing but is edifying (v. 19).
4. A servant leader is not covering but is confronting (v. 20f).

### BE ENCOURAGED TO STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE

Leroy Eims suggests that God works in our lives in at least 7 ways to bring about a spirit of excellence.

1. By helping us realize our own weakness. II Cor. 12:9 - And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made