

Series: Five: Timeless Values for Today's Church

Title: Ministry Excellence

Text: Colossians 3:23

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“We desire to glorify God by doing everything to the best of our ability. To minister effectively and faithfully, we realize we must aim to do things to the best of our ability. Tabernacle champions 'ministry excellence' in all that it does.” **Core Value, Tabernacle Baptist Church**

Scriptures that support this core value include Colossians 3:23; 1 Corinthians 10:31; 1 Corinthians 15:58; 2 Timothy 4:7-8; Ephesians 4:12-15; and 2 Corinthians 8:7.

Three ideas related to the work and ministry of local churches...

1. GOD'S WORK

Genesis 1:3-4

“From the beginning, God created human beings to be working creatures. Working hard corresponds to the nature God gave us.” **David Vandrunen**

1 Corinthians 10:31

2. THE CREATION MANDATE

Genesis 1:28

“Tis is the portion of God's saints — to work, and to find a reward in so doing. God is the God of labourers.” **Charles Spurgeon**

James 3:7

1 Corinthians 15:58

3. THE NEW TESTAMENT MANDATE

Colossians 3:17