

MESSAGE OUTLINE

Occasion : Evening Worship / Prayer Service / Morning Worship
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TITLE : EXCELLENT THINGS
Text/s :

Phil 1:10-11

10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

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Bible Reading :

Phil 4:4-9

4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

KJV

Song : Higher Ground

INTRODUCTION:

Consider the Corinthian church:

1 Cor 1:5-7

5 That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge;

6 Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:

7 So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

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2 Cor 12:13

13 For what is it wherein ye were inferior to other churches, except it be that I myself was not burdensome to you? forgive me this wrong.

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2 Cor 8:7

7 Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

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1 Cor 14:12

12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

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1 Cor 12:31-13:3

31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

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2 Cor 8:8

8 I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.

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However they were full of gifts and were abounding in many areas, they had to do things in the more excellent way and had to ever prove

What does the word excellent mean? - diaphero - better, of more value

EXCEL, EXCELLENCY, EXCELLENT

4. diaphero NT:1308, "to differ," is used in the neuter plural of the present participle with the article, in Phil 1:10, "the things that are excellent" (marg., "the things that differ"), lit., "the excellent things." See DIFFER.

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diaphero

NT:1308 diaphero (dee-af-er'-o); from NT:1223 and NT:5342; to bear through, i.e.

(literally) transport; usually to bear apart, i.e. (objectively) to toss about (figuratively, report); subjectively, to "differ", or (by implication) surpass: KJV - be better, carry, differ from, drive up and down, be (more) excellent, make matter, publish, be of more value.

(Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-

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Rom 12:1-2

1 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.

2 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.

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Eph 5:10

10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

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1 Thess 5:21-22

21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

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1 John 4:1

4 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

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A) The description of excellent things

- **Our God is excellent**

Excellence is a quality of God and this quality must be seen in us as His children and as disciples of Christ.

John 15:8

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

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John 8:31

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

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John 13:35

35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

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Phil 2:15-16

15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

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- **His Name is excellent**

Ps 148:13

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.
(KJV)

Ps 8:9

9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!
(KJV)

117 'addiyr (ad-deer'); from 142; wide or (generally) large; figuratively, powerful: KJV-- excellent, famous, gallant, glorious, goodly, lordly, mighty (-ier one), noble, principal, worthy.

5057 nagiyd (naw-gheed'); or nagid (naw-gheed'); from 5046; a commander (as occupying the front), civil, military or religious; generally (abstractly, plural), honorable themes:

KJV-- captain, chief, excellent thing, (chief) governor, leader, noble, prince, (chief) ruler.

- **His lovingkindness is excellent**

Ps 36:7

7 How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.
(KJV)

3368 yaqar (yaw-kawr'); from 3365; valuable (obj. or subj.): -brightness, clear, costly, excellent, fat, honourable women, precious, reputation.

- **His power is excellent**

Job 37:23

23 Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.
(KJV)

- **His working is excellent**

Isa 28:29

29 This also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working.
(KJV)

1431 gadal (gaw-dal'); a primitive root; properly, to twist [compare 1434], i.e. to be (causatively make) large (in various senses, as in body, mind, estate or honor, also in pride): KJV-- advance, boast, bring up, exceed, excellent, be (-come, do, give, make, wax), great (-er, come to ... estate, + things), grow (up), increase, lift up, magnify (-ifical), be much set by, nourish (up), pass, promote, proudly [spoken], tower.

Isa 12:5

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

1348 ge'uwth (gay-ooth'); from 1342; the same as 1346: KJV-- excellent things, lifting up, majesty, pride, proudly, raging.

- **His Word is excellent**

Prov 8:6-9

6 Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.

7 For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them.

9 They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.

(KJV)

- **His Word teaches us the excellent things.**

Was used by Paul more than any Bible author. 9 times used by Paul. Our association with God's Word makes us to know the things that are excellent.

- **The excellent power**

2 Cor 4:7

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

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Our treasure is God's gift of salvation which is in earthen vessel

This shows the superior power of God than man...may of God and not of us..

- **The excellent knowledge**

Phil 3:8

8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

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Count all things but loss for the excellency... all other things of no value compared to the excellency that is in Christ...

Our knowledge cannot come together with the knowledge of Christ...

So great to know who you are serving and why you are serving.

- **The excellent instruction**

Rom 2:18

18 And knowest his will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law;
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Rom 2 is a rebuke to the Jews

Knowing God will not save you. It is knowing Christ.

- **The excellent way**

1 Cor 12:31

31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.
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Love is the more excellent way than abilities and blessings.

Phileo is love out of our man's heart
to

- **The excellent name**

Heb 1:4

4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.
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Excellent name - the superiority of Christ

- **The excellent ministry**

Heb 8:6

6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.
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The superiority of the priestly office and sacrifice of Christ

- **The excellent sacrifice**

Heb 11:4

4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.
KJV

There is no other more excellent than giving our lives to Jesus.

B) The door to proving things that are excellent

Rom 12:2

2 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.
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- **Be non-conformed to this world**

1 John 2:15-17

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

KJV

Eph 4:17-20

17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

20 But ye have not so learned Christ;

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John 15:19-21

19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.

KJV

John 17:13-18

13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

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1 Cor 3:19-20

19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

20 And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

KJV

Gal 1:4-5

4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

5 To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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James 4:4-7

4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

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1 Cor 5:9-13

9 I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators:

10 Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world.

11 But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.

12 For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within?

13 But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

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- **Be transformed by the renewing of the mind**

Eph 4:22-32

22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

27 Neither give place to the devil.

28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

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Col 3:10-17

10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

KJV

Eph 5:2-10

2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

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Eph 5:10

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1Thes 5:21

21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

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Heb 5:12-14

12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.
(KJV)

1 Cor 12:31-13:3

31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

- Differentiate between the highest matters and side issues
- Focus on what matters more than what just matters
- Compare what matters most to God than what matters most to man
- Commit to do what is sincere than what will not last until the day of Christ.
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C) The demonstration of things are excellent

Be pleasing to God.

Phil 1:10-21

10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

12 But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;

13 So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places;

14 And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

15 Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:

16 The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:

17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.

18 What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

19 For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

20 According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

KJV

2 Cor 9:10-11

10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)

11 Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

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1 John 3:22

22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

KJV

Col 1:10-12

10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

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Phil 4:18

18 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.

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- Paul's all consuming desire is the furtherance of the Gospel

Rom 10:1

10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved .

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- Show that in Christ you have a better life.
- Testify of His grace in your life.
- Live as light for others
- Promote Christ.
- Publish His Word and its effect in your everyday life and lifestyle.