

SC Church 10.11.2026

We are South County Doing our Best

- A. Intro: Where have you seen people give less than 100% effort?
- B. Big Idea: Our real boss is Christ, so we do and give our best for Him.
 - a. “It is not what a man does that determines whether his work is sacred or secular, it is why he does it.” - A.W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*
- C. How do we do our best?
 - a. Remember who’s the boss!
 - i. Colossians 3:23-24 NIV – ²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.
 - ii. 2 Chronicles 16:9 NLT – ⁹ The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.
 - b. Use our Gifts for God
 - i. Daniel 6:1-4 NLT – ¹ Darius the Mede decided to divide the kingdom into 120 provinces, and he appointed a high officer to rule over each province. ² The king also chose Daniel and two others as administrators to supervise the high officers and protect the king’s interests. ³ Daniel soon proved himself more capable than all the other administrators and high officers. Because of Daniel’s great ability, the king made plans to place him over the entire empire. ⁴ Then the other administrators and high officers began searching for some fault in the way Daniel was handling government affairs, but they couldn’t find anything to criticize or condemn. He was faithful, always responsible, and completely trustworthy.
 - ii. Romans 12:6a NLT – ⁶ In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.
 - c. Serve with Humility
 - i. Matthew 20:25-28 NLT – ²⁵ But Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. ²⁶ But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. ²⁸ For even the Son of Man

came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

- ii. Matthew 23:11-12 NLT – ¹¹ The greatest among you must be a servant. ¹² But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.
- iii. Philippians 2:3 NLT – ³ Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.

d. Work Hard

- i. Romans 12:11 NLT – ¹¹ Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.
- ii. 1 Peter 2:12 NLT – ¹² Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.

D. Close: Why do we do our best?

- a. “Trying to do the Lord's work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you.” — Corrie Ten Boom
- b. Next Steps
 - i. Memorize: Colossians 3:23-24 NIV – ²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.
 - ii. Think: Am I serving the Lord rather than people?
 - iii. Action: Set the tone before work or school – Lord, I am here for You! Use me!