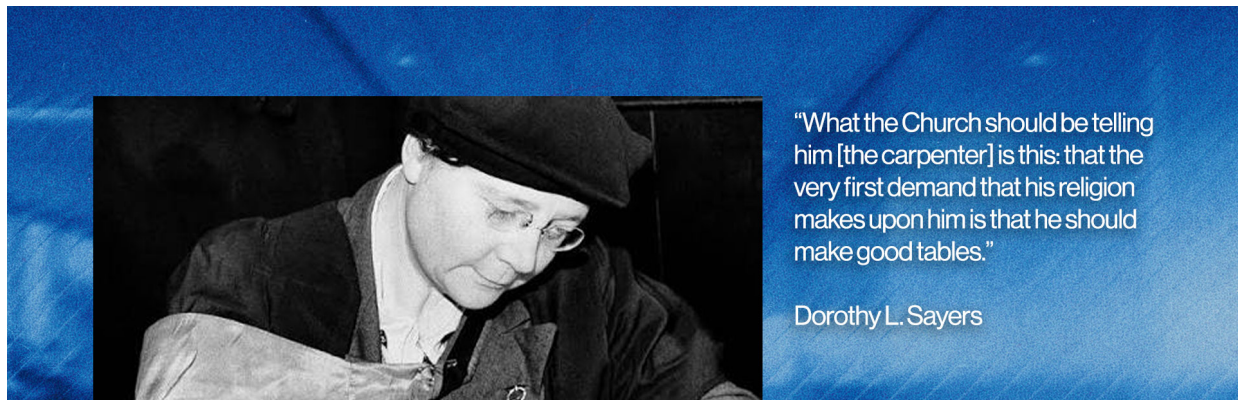




Made for Excellence

Pastor Tom Kang

Icebreaker: Do you have a contractor horror story OR has anyone at your job ever told you to relax because you're making everyone else look bad?



1. How does the above quote resonate with you? Is this a value you've always had or is this a new perspective you haven't heard before?
2. Where does skill come from? Pastor Tom mentions that your skill is not self-made but *Spirit-given*, just like it was given to Bezalel. How might knowing this truth change how you view and use your skills?
3. Who is your work actually for? The Duomo in Milan is a cathedral with over 3000 statues carved into its roof and spires, fully detailed. But from the ground the details are hard to see... If you were a part of the team at the very top carving a tiny detail – how attentive would you be to the detail no one can see? Is this posture similar to your current work?
4. What keeps excellence from turning into a monster? Discuss one of the below points that Pastor Tom mentions – which one strikes you the most and why?
 - Excellence without Sabbath is not excellence. It's idolatry with a good work ethic.
 - Perfectionism is fear based (because I'm afraid). Excellence is love based (because I'm free).
 - You work FROM His approval, not FOR it.
5. Share one of the three applications with your group that you can practice this week:
 - (1) Name your *hokmâ*. Ask a few people at your work: What am I actually good at? Then thank God for it by name.
 - (2) Pick one part of your work this week that nobody checks and do it as if the high priest were about to walk into the Most Holy Place. Do it as unto the Lord.
 - (3) Put the chisel down. Take a real day off this week. Honor the Sabbath.