

PHILOSOPHY OF SERVICE: COMPETENCE

IV. WHAT ARE THE DANGERS OF COMPETENCE?

A. WE'RE JUST PERFORMING.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3 NLT

Don't be selfish; **don't try to impress others.**

Spirit and skill but spirit **over** skill.

Character and competence but character **over** competence.

B. WE'RE PROUD.

JEREMIAH 45:5 NLT

Are you seeking great things for yourself? Don't do it!

Our worth is in the God who gave us the skill.

C. WE'RE PERFECTIONISTS.

Edwin Bliss

The pursuit of perfection is frustrating, neurotic, and a terrible waste of time.

The pursuit of excellence is gratifying and healthy.

D. WE'RE PRESSURED.

We could be pressuring ourselves so we find ourselves involved in everything.

Focus on where God wants you to shine.

E. WE NEED TO PROVE OURSELVES.

GALATIANS 6:4 TLB

Let everyone be sure that he is doing his very best, for then he will have the personal satisfaction of work well done and won't need to compare himself with someone else.

Excellence is not about being the best, most talented, most skilled in the team.

It's about you getting better each day.

F. WE'VE LOST THE PASSION.

We've lost the joy of service.

Ask for God's passion and enthusiasm.



G. WE'RE PLEASING PEOPLE.

GALATIANS 1:10 NIV

Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

We just want to please our First Love, our Holy King, our Audience of One.

H. WE'RE NOT A TEAM PLAYER.

If we do not work well with others, the church will have a hard time.

Let's always think of what's best for the church, not what's best for me.

WE WANT TO CREATE AN EXCELLENT CHURCH ATMOSPHERE WHERE OUR EXCELLENT SERVICE HELPS CONNECT EVERY PERSON TO JESUS CHRIST.

COLOSSIANS 3:17 NLT

Whatever you do or say, **do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

Excellence attracts people.

People want to be part of a church who have a culture of excellence, who experience excellent worship for an excellent God.

1 PETER 2:12 AMP

Keep your behavior excellent among the [unsaved] Gentiles [conduct yourself honorably, with graciousness and integrity], so that for whatever reason they may slander you as evildoers, yet by observing your good deeds they may [instead come to] glorify God in the day of visitation [when He looks upon them with mercy].

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Among the 8 Ps of the dangers of competence, what should I improve on and why?
2. How can I balance my Spirit and Skill / Character and Competence so that I don't forget who I'm doing this for, why I'm doing this?