

PHILOSOPHY OF SERVICE: COMPETENCE

I. WHY DO WE NEED TO BE COMPETENT?

We are serving the King of kings and Lord of lords.

PSALM 150:2 ESV

Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Excellence reflects the character and nature of God.

EPHESIANS 5:1 TLB

Follow God's example in everything you do just as a much loved child imitates his father.

We are called to be imitators of God.
We need to be excellent and reflect His character.

II. WHERE DOES OUR COMPETENCE COME FROM?

2 CORINTHIANS 3:4-5 NIV

4 Such confidence we have through Christ before God. 5 Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but **our competence comes from God**.

COLOSSIANS 1:29 EASY

That is why I work very hard. **Christ works powerfully in me to make me strong for this difficult work.**

III. WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH OUR COMPETENCE?

We want to keep improving our competence.

KAIZEN

Kaizen is a Japanese philosophy that means change for the better or continuous improvement. It is a system of improvement that is **applied in every aspect of a person's life**.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:11 GW

Make sure that you improve.

To be excellent in our Serve Teams, we want to continuously improve the work.

*One pastor said
When people walk into your church facility does it smell
and look like you care about the details?*

ECCLESIASTES 9:10 NIV

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might...



Steve Jobs
Changing your mind is a sign of intelligence and competence.

It doesn't matter how big or how small the work is. Do every work well.

**SMALL, BUT CONSISTENT IMPROVEMENTS, WILL LEAD TO LONG-TERM RESULTS.
IT TAKES TIME.**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. As a worker/volunteer, how else can I improve my service and commitment in church? How can I be more excellent, effective, efficient? Share detailed ways, specific to your Serve Team.
2. How can I help my church have a better environment?