

# Quality In Ministry: Scriptures

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- ▶ Bezalel, Quality Via the Infilling: Exodus 31:1-11
- ▶ Lack of Quality: Matthew 7:15-23
- ▶ Jesus, Quality Flows From Our Relationship With God:  
John 5:19, 20,30; 6:27, 15:1-8
- ▶ Paul & Apollos, Working With Gold, Silver & Precious Stones:  
1 Corinthians 3:5-15



# What Are The Differences?

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## **GOLD, SILVER ETC**

Holiness, Grace & Truth  
Death To Self  
Church as Christ's body  
Love, Joy, Peace  
Prayerfulness  
Led By The Spirit  
Patience  
Goodness  
Kindness  
Faithfulness  
Meekness / Gentleness  
Humility  
Self-Control  
Lowliness  
Diligence / Servanthood

## **WOOD, HAY STUBBLE**

Egotism  
Lack of death to self  
Church as a corporation  
Lack of Prayer  
Human wisdom  
Striving for vainglory  
Poor preaching  
Dominating leadership  
Quantity over quality  
Lack of care and diligence  
Critical Spirit  
Envy  
Arguments, Strife  
Harshness / Imperiousness  
Favoritism

## **INIQUITY**

Encouraging sin  
Lovers of Self  
Church as a theatre  
Ministry as "magic"  
Appearance is everything  
Greed / Simony  
False Doctrine  
Flattery, Swelling Speech  
Sensuality  
Grace as license to sin  
Power plays / cruelty  
Ultra-legalism  
Unbelief / No Power  
Disregard for holiness  
Modeling unholy choices

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# Working in Gold, Silver, Precious Stones

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- ▶ Soak everything in prayerfulness and holiness
- ▶ Abide in the Word, teach the Word, model the Word, Truth!!
- ▶ Walk as He walked! Walk in the Spirit, be led by the Spirit
- ▶ Constantly reflect on your life and actions in the light of the commandments of Jesus Christ. Personal review (each day!)
- ▶ Have a desire for the eternal, a vision of excellence, aim at the beauty, glory and perfection of holiness
- ▶ Adopt radical humility, lowliness, be a servant, crucify the flesh and its passions.
- ▶ Decide on spiritual fruitfulness and not on personal achievement



# Do Less And Achieve More

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- ▶ Slow Down! Godly fruitfulness is more important than mere human “productivity”. Fruitfulness is what God wants!
- ▶ Hurry is not of the Devil it IS the Devil (Martin Luther) – hurry robs us of patience, kindness, joy, peace etc. Makes our fruit drop from the tree!
- ▶ No “time” to truly form people, make disciples etc...???
- ▶ Quality increases quantity over time, excellence is a powerful multiplier of ministry, excellence gets replicated. People remember excellence for YEARS!! Average is forgotten. Average has no long-term deep impact
- ▶ He who is slack in his work is brother to him who destroys! (Prov 18:9)
- ▶ Slowing down by 70% will increase fruitfulness by 500%
  - and the fruit will remain.
- ▶ Use lists, prioritize, say “No”
- ▶ Do, Delay, Delegate, Ditch



# Have The Right Check-List

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- ▶ You get what you measure – consciously or unconsciously
- ▶ If you measure the wrong things you get the wrong things
- ▶ Need God's checklist not the world's checklist
- ▶ There is nothing less important than being important
- ▶ Don't seek fame, personal glory, the love of money or the things of this world or approval by men (even fellow clergy)
- ▶ Seek approval by God alone!
- ▶ Have God's checklist from I John:  
Agape love, obedience to His commandments, righteousness, truth, walking in the Spirit, faith in Jesus as the Son of God, practical Christian living in mercy.
- ▶ Be diligent to show yourself approved!



# Know What You Should Be Doing And Do It Well

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- ▶ Know your gifts / “ungifts”
- ▶ Know your calling (may not be the same as your passion)
- ▶ Know your areas to serve / not to serve (Jews , Gentiles etc) and do not try serving outside of them
- ▶ Wrong Area? Poor results, making excuses, negative feedback, no joy, no “flow”, resentment, feeling drained, lack of vision
- ▶ Paul’s mistake: going to the Jews especially in Jerusalem  
Peter’s mistake: Going to the Gentiles at Antioch.
- ▶ God made you – “you”. Honor that and be the best “you” that you can be!
- ▶ Develop, improve and expand your skills
- ▶ Be diligent in applying them
- ▶ Do every small thing well as unto the Lord / of the Body
- ▶ Love the simple things, don’t create complexity



# Avoid Burn Out

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- ▶ Have deep relationships that feed and nurture you – do not get isolated: God, Health, Family, Friends, Ministry
- ▶ Recover fast – don't stay irritated for long
- ▶ Resolve issues! (4R's: Resolve, Resent, Reject Revenge)
- ▶ Reduce your “brain strain” – doing too much, that is too complex, or too urgent
- ▶ Indicate “overload” to others / delegate etc.
- ▶ Take Sabbaths / go on retreats / have Q.T.'s / pray continually
- ▶ Read new things, play with ideas and innovations – make work fun



# Cultivate Mastery of Situations

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- ▶ Fight, Flight, or Mastery; Don't react – act!
- ▶ Faith focuses on the solution not the problem
- ▶ Minister from the position of Authority in Christ
- ▶ Reign & rule with Christ through faith
- ▶ Turn situations over to God
- ▶ Believe situations can be changed, never give in to hopelessness, timidity and defeat
- ▶ 2 Timothy 1:7 – Power, Love & a Sound Mind
- ▶ Persevere – stand in the full armor of God
- ▶ Move men & women through prayer

