

# Be Excellent!

Col. 3:23-24



Purpose:  
To examine our  
attitude toward  
working for the Lord.

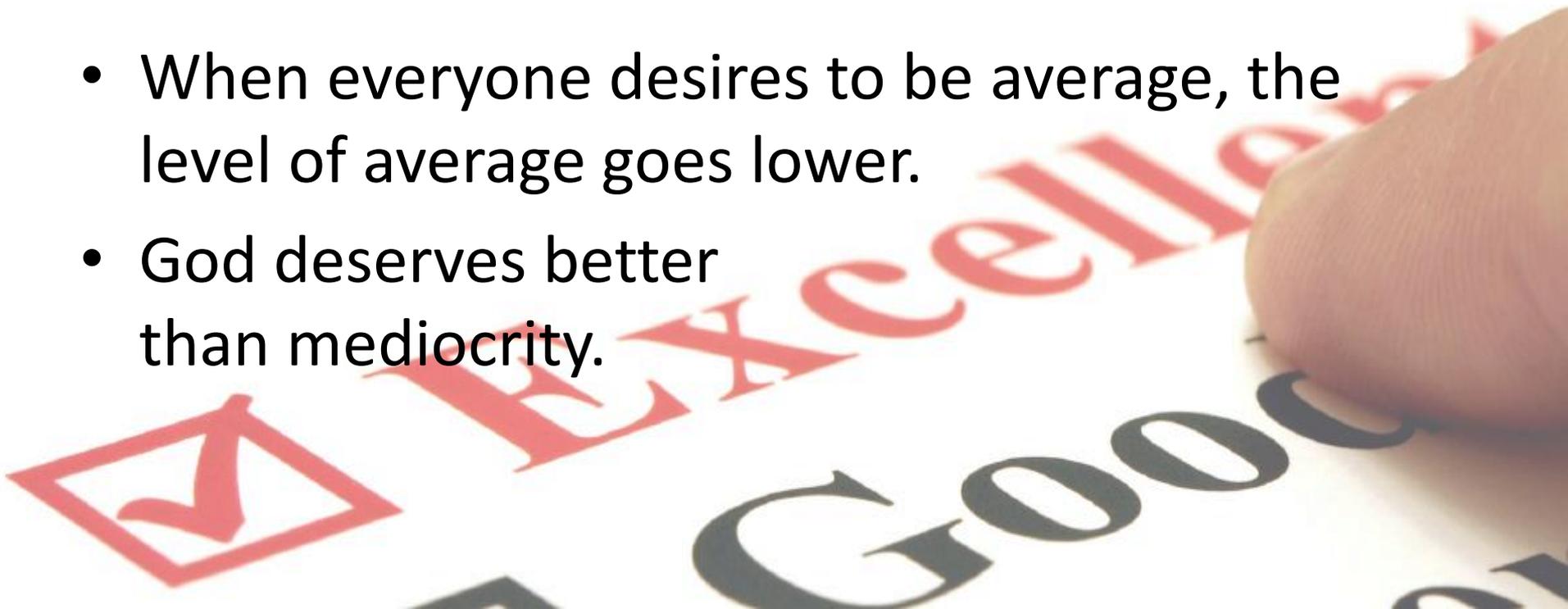
# Introduction

- When is the last time you saw something that was really excellent? Service, effort, skill?
- Gen. 1:31, God saw that what He had made was all “very good.”
- Our attitude toward working for God should be one of excellence!



# Don't settle for mediocrity

- Sometimes we find ourselves just “getting by” or giving an inferior effort for the Lord.
- Mal. 1:6-14. God has often received less than what was best.
- When everyone desires to be average, the level of average goes lower.
- God deserves better than mediocrity.



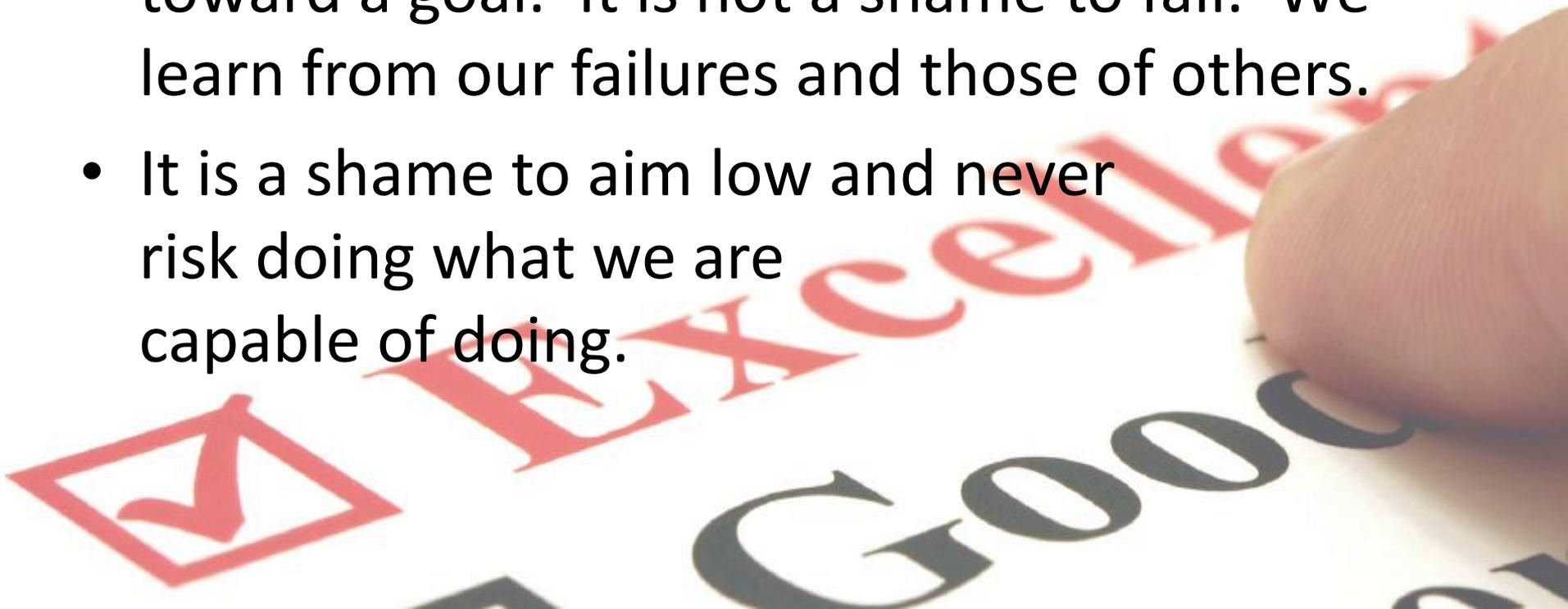
# Work toward excellence

- Eccl. 9:10; Col. 3:23-24. Do things with the spirit of doing our best for the Lord.
- What do we find to do for the Lord?
- How can we be excellent...
  - In evangelism?
  - In benevolence?
  - In edification?



# What about failure?

- Some will not do more for the risk of failure. One talent man, Matt. 25:24-30.
- Failure comes often to those who are working toward a goal. It is not a shame to fail. We learn from our failures and those of others.
- It is a shame to aim low and never risk doing what we are capable of doing.



# Conclusion

- Especially for our Lord we should be working with a spirit of excellence, beyond the ordinary.
- Remember for whom you are living today.  
2 Cor. 5:14-15.
- Are we giving God the inferior parts of our lives, or the excellent ones?
- Be excellent!

