Cultivating a Culture of Excellence

Roger Shouse · Luke 18:9–12 · Series: **Gospel Meeting with Roger Shouse**

INTRODUCTION

- I'm a firm believer when good and honest hearts intersect with the word of God, wonderful things happen.
- Is this true worship or is something missing here?
- I believe our Lord demands this, and I believe we ought to give this to the Lord.

1 Culture: An Attitude, a Spirit, an Atmosphere

Luke 18:9–12

- We're talking about the idea of an attitude, a spirit, an atmosphere, a vibe, a feel.
- Culture is what people experience even before they know what you believe.
- Every organization, every company, every business, every sports team, every church, every school, and every home has a culture.
- The culture is developed by the leaders, but it must be embraced by everybody.
- Some cultures are simply not right and need to be changed.
- Two men went up to the temple to pray. One a Pharisee and the other tax gatherer.

2 Excellence Is Simply Bringing the Best

Matthew 22:37; Malachi 1:8; Psalm 34:3

- Excellence is simply bringing the best.
- What am I bringing to Jesus today? That's the culture of excellence.
- But when you present the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil?
- Why should I bring my best to God? Because he is the best. Because he always brings the best.
- Do you worship before you worship?
- Oh, magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together.

3 Cultivating Begins With Leaders

- This begins with leaders. It begins with shepherds and preachers. But it's not just a casual indifferent lazy trickle down. It's something that's explicitly done.
- Sunday is the best day of the week.
- If I want to go to heaven, I got to face the direction I'm going.
- Is this church going to be stronger than when I got here? Is this church better than when I got here?
- There's always enemies to excellence. Comfort is one.
- Excellence is not spectacular things. It's doing ordinary things with an excellent ordinary heart because it belongs to the Lord.

THE CHALLENGE

I got to ask myself, why did I come this morning? Because I have to? Because I don't want the elders to call on me? because my Jesus is here and I want to be here.

MY NOTES