**We Value: Every Pursuit with Excellence**

**Colossians 3:23-24; II Corinthians 8:7-11**

Mission: What are we doing?

"Sending transformed people to influence their world for Christ."

Strategy: How are we doing this?

"Meet with God...Connect with Others...Live with Purpose"

**Core values are guiding principles that dictate behavior and action**.

**The 5 Core Values of Shades:**

1. Every Disciple Growing
2. Every Person On-Mission
3. Every Relationship Meaningful
4. Every Generation Together
5. Every Pursuit with Excellence
6. **Pitfalls of Excellence with a wrong perspective**
7. Perfection disappointment

2. "Point to me" pride

3. Performance over purpose

**II. Biblical perspective of excellence**

1. God is the author of excellence

***Genesis 1:1. “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”***

***Genesis 1:31, “And God saw everything that he had made, and behold it was very good.”***

***Psalm 111:1-2***, “***Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is His work.”***

2. God is the motivation for excellence (Colossians 3:23-24)

 *a) All work should get your best*

 *b) All work is working for God*