

PRAYER

- Pray that God will give you the wisdom and ability to change something you are having a hard time improving.

- Ask God to check your heart and direct it towards wanting to live for Him excellently.

- Intercede for courage and compassion to tell more people about the best gift that God given.



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Pwede na

Week 5

NOTES

CONNECT

- In what endeavor do you always want to excel?
- What was the best gift, not necessarily the most expensive, you ever gave? Why?
- Among the gifts you have received, which one is your favorite? Why?

WORD

WHAT

What does the Bible say?

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

While we Filipinos have a lot of good traits and attitudes, we also have not-so-good ones. One of them is the *Pwede na* attitude. *Pwede na* does not mean passing the standard. But the *Pwede na* that is negative about us Filipinos is more of not wanting to exert further effort to reach excellence. How is it possible to live a lifestyle of excellence?

- **Always aim to give your best.**

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

1 Corinthians 9:24

In a marathon or sprint, only one can be recognized as the winner. Thus, if a runner does not give his or her best, he or she can expect one of the competitors to get the prize. This attitude of giving one's best is what Apostle Paul is saying. Having this standard in everything we do helps us resist the temptation of settling for *Pwede na*. How do you know that you still have something more to exert in a task?

- **Honor God with a lifestyle of giving your best.**

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

Revelations 4:11

One main reason why we need to give our best in everything we do is to glorify God. In effect, that is giving our best to Him. The Bible tells us to

give our best in whatever we do—including seemingly simple and routine things such as eating and drinking. With this lifestyle of excellence dedicated to God, our lives can become one whole expression of worship unto Him. Why do we need to give God our best?

- **Remember that God gave His best to us first.**

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16

To give our best to God is not a way to earn His favor. It is worship as mentioned earlier, but it is also to show our gratitude to Him. This is because He was the One who gave His best for our benefit. Thus, the best thing that we can give Him is to submit our lives under the Lordship of Jesus, that is, to put our faith in Jesus as our Lord. Aside from God's greatest gift to us, how else has God given you His best in certain situations?

SO WHAT

What is the relevance of the Word to my life?

- How can the attitude of giving our best help improve things and situations around us?
- When we make God as the primary reason why we live excellently, how will this affect how we perform in our work, business, or studies?
- Knowing that God gave His best to us first, what does this do to our faith in Him?

NOW WHAT

How do I apply the Word to my life?

- What specific thing (material, work, relationship, etc.) can you immediately improve to make it excellent? What do you plan to do in the next few days regarding this?
- Among the things you do, which one can you start focusing on and make as an expression of your devotion to God?
- Basing from what you've learned in this lesson, what can you do this week to relay God's love to others?