



## • EXPECTATIONS OF GOD

In developing the classes for this year that would wrap around our theme, *Bringing the Best*, a study of **Expectations** was a necessary part of this. It's hard to know what the Best looks like without some initial expectations.

### Some Concepts & Lessons that will flow from this study:

- What does God expect of me?
- What does God expect from this church?
- What do we expect from each other?
- The danger of wrong expectations?
- Is there anything that we ought to expect from God?

Expectations, valid or not, are a part of life.

- What are some expectations you have at work?
- What are some expectations you have at home?
- What are some expectations you have when you drive down the road?
- What are some expectations you have when you do business or buy things?
- What are some expectations you have when you walk into this building?
- What are some expectations you have when you pray to God?

### **Life's Expectations are set by God**

#### **because:**

- Ps 100:3 It is He who has \_\_\_\_\_ us, and not we \_\_\_\_\_
- Isa 55:9 My ways are \_\_\_\_\_ than your ways
- Rom 13:1 There is no \_\_\_\_\_ except from \_\_\_\_\_, and those which exist are \_\_\_\_\_ by God

1. Why is it assumed that these things above should be "expected?"
2. Who determined these expectations?
3. How do you feel when those expectations are not met?

There is an understood \_\_\_\_\_ that all parties must meet

- Without that standard, expectations become unrealistic, selfish and troublesome

There is a \_\_\_\_\_ or way in which these expectation are met

There is an \_\_\_\_\_ factor that comes with expectations

- Rom 14:10 For we must all \_\_\_\_\_ before the \_\_\_\_\_ seat of God

There is a movement to LOWER expectations

### **Gen Z is shaping itself into the “Wasted Generation”**

Economics Professor Kendrick Morales declared that Spelman College fired him because he did not cave to students’ demands for higher grades and easier coursework. In 2022, New York University fired a professor after his students complained about failing his course...Gen Z is charting a future of mediocrity because it would rather settle for less than try and fail at big goals. This aversion to setbacks is a stark contrast to the “world is your oyster” mentality of ambition that generations before them espoused when they struck out into the world.

Gen Z students choose to secure fake grades rather than master new skills because the “adults” on campus enable their entitlement...The American economy need a young, energetic workforce with ambition and gumption to innovate and push our country forward. Higher education—victim to the Wasted Generations’ entitled activism that it enables—is robbing America of that continued promise.

Gen Z trends, including “quiet quitting” and “lazy girl jobs” bleed into American society as unmotivated students graduate and take entry– level positions. Nearly a third of college students do not care about their grades and over 89% of young Americans enjoy the idea of putting the bare minimum into their work.

College is supposed to show young people that there is value to struggle and failure because success is only achievable after experiencing both. Higher education is failing at that mission...Grade inflation only gives the illusion of achievement. It hides how little students know and how much of a waste college is for them. 91% of small business owners now believe that higher education does not produce students who are prepared for life after graduation. Gen Z is not trying to build anything. Rather, it is trying to throw out every opportunity it has been given.

1. In striving to *Bring our Best*, the goal is not just what is expected. We want to go above and beyond the call of duty. We want do do more than what was expected.

- What is the incentive to do that spiritually? In education, excelling brings awards and scholarships. In business, excelling brings promotions and more opportunities.

Why do more than required spiritually?

2. The thrust of this article places the responsibility of teaching life’s lessons on higher education. Is this where it ought to begin?

3. In a culture that lowers what is expected, how do we keep strive to *Bring the Best*, and not just settle for substandard or mediocre service?

I cannot please the Lord unless I meet His expectations

4. Does God expect you to be perfect?

- If I fall short of God’s expectations, how can I have the hope of Heaven?

