

# Excel(lence)

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## *Colossians 3:23 - Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men*

So I drove by a house tonight that had Christmas lights framing the roof and I was thinking 'those are pretty' and then I saw that there was about 3-4 feet at the end of the roof that had no light. It just stopped like they ran out and that was that!

I got to thinking (y'all know how I do) now why go through all that trouble, why put the effort into something like that – why WORK at achieving something when you know it's not going to ever be complete??

My mom is saying "life happens – hey, they had a baby, someone got sick, they had an appointment to get to, who knows?"

I'm also thinking – at least they puttin' something up! They got in some kind of festive mood and they are celebrating best they can – yay! Because I did pick up a fare from a house where they took one strand of lights, threw it up on the corner of a bush, wrapped it in a loop around the top of the front door and let it hang on the other side and when they walked out to come get in my car, they had to duck under the loop of the light.... (mercy, really?)

Now part of me wants to think that something important came up and it's just going to have to be like that this year only – that next year it will be better (Lord help me not to drive by this house next year) – but there's another part of me that's thinking too lazy? Not enough money? Don't care?

There are questions and assumptions galore surrounding this scenario – but the nitty gritty of the matter is the heart and praise Jesus He looks on the heart of all that matters. I just want to remind us all that God doesn't do anything halfway for us – He's "ALL IN" all the time, He doesn't give us a little of Him – we have access to ALL of Him – and this warms my heart!

His cups runs over for you and for me. I pray we all continue to excel in our walk with Him and as we grow, it will show in all we do.

***2 Corinthians 8:7 – But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.***

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