C. S. Lewis, while not perfect, was a sincere follower of Jesus who tried to practice what he preached. In an address to church leaders and clergy entitled, “Christian Apologetics,” Lewis exhorts Christians to influence the world around them by striving for excellence, truthfulness and integrity in their work. Lewis lived this out as a scholar by writing what is still considered today to be the authoritative text on 16th century English literature with the creative title, *English Literature in the 16th Century Excluding Drama*. Not a popular book, but the best in its field. He writes,

> What if it were known that the best work in any given field whether it be education, law, business, military, government, sanitation disposal, politics, etc… was always done by a Christian? Would that contribute to the defense of the Christian faith? Would that attract others to looking into what it means to follow Jesus?

> “Do you see a man skillful in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men.”

Proverbs 22:29 (ESV)

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