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What does Excellence mean to you?The word "excellence" is tossed around mostly in leadership and creative circles these days. A truth is….that not everyone can agree with a person's definition of excellence. All of us have our own perception of what excellence is. Different people, define excellence differently.So…what does Excellence mean to you? As for me, excellence is to continuously build inner strength and overcome all life challenges. Life isn't always going to be a smooth sailing journey but all our failures, mistakes and downfalls are what makes us excellent and resilient individuals.Personally, I would agree that he or she is excellent owing to their resilience through hardships and not by their attained quality of life. As in the amount of money they make or the job or reputation they uphold.How do we achieve excellence? To put it into simple words, do the right thing. Excellence is the result of caring about what we do, and of putting our very best effort into what we care about. It is an outward expression of inner integrity, passion and a strong sense to make a true difference. Our skills and abilities or the resources or information we have should not become a constraint to our thoughts of giving our the best shot. It is our attitude that translates itself into excellence. It is the reflection of our passion and commitment.It is also a fact that the road to excellence is not an easy one. It can be very frustrating and painful.My failures opened up the knowledge of what does not work well. AND The challenges and obstacles i faced made me better aware of how to work within constraints. It also made me look for alternatives, new approaches and changed my perceptions.Excellence is truly an investment that gives us a return even long after the efforts have been made.God has given each one of us unique gifts and a purpose in life. Through all life challenges, we must emerge stronger to be the best version of ourselves to do the service of God.Even when there may be occasions, when we stumble in our faith or want to give up, we should always remember through every trial moments we become excellent, stronger and smarter individuals."The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step." Let us rise up in all our failures to face it boldly and move forward, the world is created for us to excel and live happy. In the book of Daniel, we are introduced to a man who had the spirit of excellence. His name was Daniel, and he served God with all his heart. He was a man who relied on God's strength, not his own. In the same book, we are also told about Shadrack, Meshack, and Abednego! This post will discuss what it means to have a spirit of excellence and why it is so important. We will also examine some key examples from biblical stories that demonstrate this quality. Ready? Let's go! The English dictionary defines it as "the quality of being outstanding." While this is true, the biblical definition of the spirit of excellence is much deeper. Like, for real…much, much deeper… Since we will be discussing Daniel, let's look at the meaning of excellence as per the context in which it was used. In my research, I found that Aramaic was the language used in Daniel 2-7. Per Chaim Bentorah, a ministry dedicated to studying the original Hebrew language, they state that the word used means pre-eminence. That means Daniel's spirit was essentially preeminent over the flesh. Immediately when I read that, Galatians 5:16 came to mind, "So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh." That is so deep, and I appreciate Chaim Bentorah for always being a good resource when I'm stumped as to understanding root biblical words and their meanings. This is what I deduce from all of this: when we walk in the spirit of excellence, we are preeminent over the flesh. We are letting the spirit lead. We are fully yielded to the Spirit of God. Isn't the word of God beautiful? These revelations never cease to amaze me. ❤ I learned about the spirit of excellence around 2015/2016 when I did a deep dive into the book of Daniel. From then on, I started to pursue excellence and saw a shift in my life. I immediately got a promotion at my place of work and also became in charge of a large research project. Since then, the spirit of excellence continues to be central to my purpose journey. I'm living proof that this principle truly works. There are a lot of misconceptions about the spirit of excellence. Some people think it means perfection, while others believe it's synonymous with superiority. Here I will go over different misconceptions as well as facts so that I can debunk incorrect ideologies about the spirit of excellence. I believe this will help you lay a strong foundation for walking in the spirit of excellence. Let's begin… One of the biggest myths about excellence is that it means perfection. This couldn't be further from the truth! The spirit of excellence doesn't mean that you have to be perfect; it simply means doing your best effort. It's important to remember that we're all human, and we all make mistakes. What matters is that we learn from our mistakes and continue to strive for excellence. If you struggle with perfectionism, please click here to read my post once you are done reading this one. It comes with a YouTube deep dive. Spoiler alert△: One of my tips on beating perfectionism is to pursue the spirit of excellence! □, Ok, I know I'm kinda captain obvious at this point. Hehe. Anyways, Let's continue, shall we… Another common misconception about excellence is that it means superiority. This is also not true! Just because someone is excellent at something doesn't mean they're better than everyone else. Everyone has their own unique talents and gifts, and we should all strive to use them to the best of our abilities. One of the most important things to remember about excellence is that it's a choice. We can choose to be excellent in everything we do, or we can choose mediocrity. It's up to us! When we choose to be excellent, we're choosing to set ourselves apart and to do our best. Another essential thing to remember about excellence is that it's not just something you do once in a while. It's something that you strive for in everything you do, big or small. It's a lifestyle! When you live your life with excellence, it becomes a part of who you are. One of the best things about excellence is that it's contagious! When you see someone else striving for excellence, it inspires you to do the same. Before long, excellence becomes a habit, and it starts to spread like wildfire! Last but not least, excellence is rewarding! It's definitely worth striving for! When you live your life with excellence, you'll find that good things start to happen. You'll be more successful, and you'll feel better about yourself, and you'll make a difference in the world. First, let me give you the Babylonian names for Daniel- BelteshazzarHananiah- ShadrachMishael-MeshachAzariah-Abednego Ok, so let's begin… Daniel, Shadrack, Meshack, and Abednego refused to eat the King's food. The King's food (meat) had been defiled and dedicated to idols. So instead, they requested to eat vegetables. Even so, it is said that, "At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food." (see Daniel 1:3-19) Right after that we are told, "To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds." These four men were put in a position where they could have easily compromised their beliefs. However, they remained true to what they believed in and as a result, were rewarded for it. This truly shows the spirit of excellence at work. (see Daniel 1:18-20) Later in Daniel 3:8-25, we are told how these three young men refused to worship the Babylonian's false gods. As a result, they were thrown into a fiery furnace by King Nebuchadnezzar. Even though flames surrounded them, they did not give in to the King's demands. Instead, they remained true to their beliefs. As a result, they were able to come out of the furnace unharmed. This story is a great example of how the spirit of excellence can help us overcome difficult challenges in life. No matter what obstacles we face, we can always choose to excel. How wonderful would it be to emulate Shadrack, Meshack, and Abednego and stand up for what we believe in. It is possible to be courageous and face our challenges head-on. We can choose to live our lives with the spirit of excellence. Although Daniel was in captivity, he quickly rose through the ranks because of his excellent spirit. The Babylonians recognized that Daniel had a special relationship with God. They saw that he was not afraid to stand up for what he believed in, even when it meant going against the King. Daniel's faithfulness to God led him to be promoted again and again. One key example of Daniel's excellent spirit is found in Daniel 5. Daniel was called upon to interpret a writing on the wall for the King of Babylon. At that point, nobody could tell him (the king) what it meant. When Daniel was brought before the King, he did not hesitate to tell him the meaning. He boldly proclaimed that it meant that the King's kingdom would be destroyed. This story shows us that we need to have an excellent spirit when it comes to our work. We need to be willing to do our best and give God all the glory. Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation. Daniel 5:12 (KJV) Another example of Daniel's excellent spirit is found in Daniel 6. In this chapter, Daniel was thrown into a den of lions because he refused to worship the Babylonian god. Even though he knew he could be killed, Daniel did not give up his faith. He continued to trust in God, and was protected from the lions. This story shows us that we need to have an excellent spirit when it comes to our faith. We need to be willing to stand up for what we believe in, even when it is hard. Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm. Daniel 6:3 (KJV) These are just two examples of how Daniel had an excellent spirit. If we want to serve God with excellence, then we need to follow his example. We need to be willing to stand up for our faith, even when it is hard. We need to be willing to do our best and give God all the glory. When we serve God with excellence, He will be glorified, and we will be blessed. So let us follow Daniel's example and serve God with an excellent spirit! The Spirit of Excellence is based on biblical principles and characteristics that will help you succeed in all areas of life. For this section, I will explore 11 of these characteristics based on the story of Daniel as well as Shadrack, Meshack, and Abednego. If you want to be successful, it is essential that you develop these qualities in your life! The first characteristic of the spirit of excellence is integrity. This means being honest and truthful in all that you do. It also means living up to your commitments and promises, even when it's difficult. The second characteristic of excellence is discipline. This means having self-control and living a life that is orderly and disciplined. It means making sacrifices and choices that may not be popular but are ultimately best for you. The third characteristic of excellence is full faith in God. This means trusting Him completely and knowing that He is in control of all things. It also means believing that He will provide for you, even when everything seems hopeless. The fourth characteristic of excellence is reliance on God/ not relying on your own strength. This means acknowledging that we are weak and that you need God's help. It also means trusting Him to give you the strength you need when you need it. The fifth characteristic of excellence is humility. This means having a humble attitude and not thinking that you are better than others. It also means being willing to serve others and putting their needs above your own. The sixth characteristic of excellence is having the right attitude or mindset. This means setting your mind on things that are good and pure. It also means thinking positive thoughts, even when things are tough. The seventh characteristic of excellence is being fruitful. This means bearing fruit in all that you do. It also means being productive and positively impacting those around you. The eighth characteristic of excellence is obedience. This means being obedient to God, even when it's difficult. It also means obeying His commands and living according to His will. The ninth characteristic of excellence is patience. This means being patient with others, even when they're difficult. It also means being patient and not giving up when things get tough. The tenth characteristic of excellence is perseverance. This means never giving up, even when things are tough. It also means continuing to strive for excellence, even when you don't feel like it. The eleventh characteristic of excellence is passion. This means being passionate about what you do. It also means doing things with enthusiasm and energy. If you want to be excellent, start by developing these character traits. Then, put them into practice in your life, and watch God work through you in amazing ways. In the Kingdom of God, I believe there is a correlation between purpose and excellence! Yes, the spirit of excellence is vital for walking in our God-given purpose. It is the key to unlocking our God-given giftings and anointing. When we walk in the spirit of excellence, we walk in Daniel's footsteps. When we think of the word excellence, what often comes to mind is success in our career or maybe academic achievement. But the truth is, the concept of excellence goes much deeper than that. Excellence is a state of mind, a way of approaching the world with a positive attitude and a willingness to do our best. No matter what area of your life you want to focus on, the spirit of excellence can help you get there. If you're looking to improve your relationships, excel in your studies, or simply be a better person overall, the principles of excellence will apply. It is essential to understand the spirit of excellence and how it correlates to our calling and purpose. It would be wise to ask the Holy Spirit to fill us with the spirit of excellence so that we can walk in this revelation. Heavenly Father, I come to You today asking for the Spirit of Excellence. I want to be like Daniel, walk in his footsteps, and become excellent in all I do. Help me always put You first and seek Your will in every area of my life. Please give me the strength to not compromise my values. I know that with Your help, I can do all things and accomplish great things for Your kingdom. I ask this in Jesus' name, Amen. The spirit of excellence is something that we should all aspire to have. It is a way of life that will bring us joy and success. Thanks for reading! I hope this article has inspired you to strive for excellence in all aspects of your life. Be on the lookout for a YouTube video accompanying this blog post! It will be available 09/12/2022. Stay tuned! Hugs! Excellence means greatness — the very best. Achieving excellence is never easy to do. Excellence is a quality that people really appreciate, because it's so hard to find. Excellence is the quality of excelling, of being truly the best at something. Getting an A+ shows excellence. What is the best definition of excellence? 1 : the quality of being excellent. 2 : an excellent or valuable quality : virtue. 3 : excellency sense 2. What determines excellence? A person of excellence is consistent in his personal, social, and career life. If you are dishonest, greedy, lazy, untidy, disrespectful or selfish it will reflect or can affect your career life. Specifically in your dealings with superiors and peers and even your customers. What are the 8 Keys of excellence? Overview of the 8 Keys of Excellence Integrity. Match behaviors with values. Learn from mistakes. Speak with Good Purpose. This is It! Make your dreams happen. Take responsibility for actions. Be willing to do things differently. Live your best life. What does the Bible say about doing things with excellence? Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters. Colossians 3:23 and 1 Corinthians 10:31 go very well together. They are both saying similar things – work hard at everything you do in order to bring glory to God. What is excellence as a core value? Excellence requires constant adaptation, innovation and vigilance in order to achieve successfully. It speaks to the value and importance of the process which manifests in a well-coordinated, graphically appealing set of construction documents. What are the 4 aspects of excellence? 4 Aspects of Excellence That You Can Achieve! Quality Means Consistency. Aristotle said that, "Excellence is not an act, it's a habit." To gain a reputation for quality means delivering great results every time. Excellence Means Improvement. Greatness Means Creativity. Excellence Means Going the Extra Mile. How do you achieve excellence? 10 Approaches to Pursuing Excellence Take pleasure in what brings you satisfaction. Commit to doing what is required to excel. Use your knowledge of yourself and your goal. Have enthusiastic feelings that lead to creativity. Maintain an upbeat attitude about yourself and your goal. Stay focused on what you want. How do you describe someone who strives for excellence? Use the adjective resolute to describe a purposeful and determined person, someone who wants to do something very much, and won't let anything get in the way. How do you become excellent? What words come to mind when you think about excellence? The 8 Keys of Excellence – Definitions and Descriptions INTEGRITY – Match behavior with values. FAILURE LEADS TO SUCCESS – Learn from mistakes. SPEAK WITH GOOD PURPOSE – Speak honestly and kindly. THIS IS IT! – COMMITMENT – Make your dreams happen. OWNERSHIP – Take responsibility for actions. The word "excellence" is tossed around a lot in leadership and creative circles these days, but the truth is, few people really understand what it actually means. Everyone wants to be excellent, and most people associate it with quality, however, real excellence is so much more. Here's a few attributes of excellence that you should consider: Relevance – To be excellent means to be relevant. Relevant isn't about appealing to a young audience or being trendy. Relevance is about selecting the right tool for the job. That simply means that when you're being excellent, you are using the right strategy to fix the problem. Good decisions are a key component of excellence. Appropriate – There are many ways to solve a problem, behave, be creative, or lead, but the right way in the right circumstance is the excellent choice. As the #MeToo movement continues to grow, we're seeing more and more situations where leaders made bad choices – and while those leaders may have been influential at the time, their choices were in no way excellent. Relational – No matter how great the quality of your product, project, or action, unless it's relational, its excellence will be in question. Great leaders understand that they work through people, so it's never just about making a project or product. Resilience – I always include resilience in any conversation about excellence, because the ability to come back after a failure or setback is critical to an excellent outcome. Be tough. Have grit. Stop taking "no" for an answer. Quality isn't always the best definition of excellence. Being extraordinary at what you do is only the beginning of the road to excellence. Quality matters, but next time you desire to be excellent, think of the bigger picture, because that's how people are looking at you. Facebook X.com LinkedIn Print More Phil Cooke, PhD. has been called "one of the most innovative communicators of our generation." As a media producer, writer, speaker, and consultant, his client list includes major film studios and TV networks as well as major Christian organizations like Voice of the Martyrs, The Museum of the Bible, The Salvation Army, and others. He's also coached and consulted with many of the most influential churches and nonprofit organizations in the world, helping them use media to tell their story. You can hear his podcast here. Excellence means greatness — the very best. Excellence is the quality of excelling, of being truly the best at something. Getting an A+ shows excellence. What does it mean to be a person of excellence? – [ ] A person of excellence is a positive influencer, a sensitive or empathetic individual and an excellent communicator. – [ ] A person of excellence lifts others because he knows that he rises when he lifts others. A person of excellence is not insecure. What are the qualities of excellence? The Three Traits of Excellence Trait Number One: Proactive Awareness. Trait Number Two: Always Growing. Trait Number Three: Planning Never Stops. Excellent. Well-Managed. Average. At-Risk. Learn more about building a great team and growing your business with the book, The Road to Excellence. What are the 3 Behaviours of excellence? What are the Five Pillars of Excellence? Ms. Body and Soul Entertainment, Expression of Faith has adopted Five pillars of Excellence as the foundations for it's vision to transform the travel experience. The Five pillars are Service, Quality, People, Integrity, Peace of Mind. What are the principles of Excellence? Principles of Excellence. Educational institutions participating in the Principles of Excellence program agree to the following guidelines: Provide students with a personalized form covering the total cost of an education program. Provide educational plans for all military and Veteran education beneficiaries. What are the characteristics of Excellence? Excellence is an attitude that touches every area of your life. You are called to be excellent in everything you do (2 Corinthians 8:7). True excellence means you dedicate yourself fully to everything you do, as working for the Lord (Colossians 3:23). What is the importance of Excellence? The Importance of Excellence. The pursuit of excellence should not be limited by the nature of the task. Excellence should be pursued no matter how humble or menial one considers their undertaking. Excellence works against half-hearted, drift-along, or go-with-the-flow mindsets and mentalities.