



## “Excellence is The Standard of God”

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**Texts: Philippians 1:10-11, Psalm 16:3, Isaiah 60:1-15, Daniel 6:1-7,16,20-28**

As God’s chosen Royal Priestly Kings and sons who rule and reign on the earth we must understand that we represent God in the earth and are called to imitate Him and His standard of excellence He maintains as an Excellent God or a God of Excellence. Look at what David says about God.

**Psalm 8:1 O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.**

**9: O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!**

God’s name is excellent because He is excellent, and as His chosen royal people we are to emulate Him with excellence in our character, integrity, and in everything we do.

Even II Corinthians 5:20 says we are ambassadors for Christ.

In these last days in order to win people to the kingdom we must produce and demonstrate excellence in all we do in the Kingdom and the ministry work it contains and in all responsible activities, duties, and responsibilities we are assigned, whether it be job or career,

marriage, business endeavors, educational pursuits, and all pursuits.

God is a God of Excellence and requires us to be kingdom people of excellence because **Excellence is The Standard of God.**

Let’s take a close look at our first text:

**Philippians 1:10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ.**

Please note that the original Greek word for excellent came from the word *hyperbole* and means by definition: a throwing beyond, hence, a surpassing, an excellence, is translated excellency, exceeding greatness, superiority, preeminence, beyond measure, exceedingly.

The English dictionary defines excellence as: the fact or state of excelling, superiority, extremely high quality, the quality of being outstanding or extremely good.

Based on what Philippians 1:10 is saying we should not accept and approve mediocrity, average, or anything less than Excellence in ourselves, because **Excellence is The Standard of God.** As we perform and promote the ministry of the gospel of the Kingdom of God we should be diligent in all our efforts in service, duty, and performance. It

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takes diligence and integrity to produce excellence. See also Proverbs 10:4-5, Proverbs 13:4, Proverbs 24:30-34, Psalm 25:21, and Psalm 26:1-6.

**Philippians 1:11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.**

When we allow the fruits of God’s righteousness to work in us and flow out of us in all we do whether ministry and Kingdom service work or every day normal responsibilities we produce Excellence.

When we diligently demonstrate The Excellence of God in the quality of ministry we present, the teaching and preaching of God’s word, music and song, order in the service, glitch and mistake free media, audio, video, and sound, customer service (How we treat people), our appearance and demeanor, and the cleanliness, and attractiveness of our facilities, we draw and win quality people to the Kingdom. A careful look at Solomon in I Kings 10:1-10 shows that King Solomon’s facilities, servants, attendants, staff, and his own appearance and actions were so impressively excellent the Queen of Sheba gave him a load of prosperity. So in other words Excellence when demonstrated consistently and impressively can draw

recognition and prosperity.

**I Kings 10:4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built,**

**5: And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the Lord; there was no more spirit in her.**

**6: And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom.**

**7: Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.**

Prosperous, progressive, productive people look for and are impressed by, and connect with prosperous, progressive, productive looking people and places that demonstrate the Spirit of Excellence. The Spirit of Excellence shows in how the people look who are staff, servants, volunteers, attendants etc. It shows in the level of impressiveness that they operate at in their actions, reactions, conversations, and the skills they demonstrate efficiently. Also a factor is the knowledge and wisdom they display in performing their duties. In fact when

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those who serve demonstrate skills, wisdom, and knowledge, efficiency, and Excellence it draws people of Excellence to what we're doing. They are also willing to invest their prosperity and resources to our cause. Notice what the Queen of Sheba did for and gave to Solomon even though he and his people demonstrated so much Excellence they didn't look like they needed anything.

**10: And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon.**

As we study some of Prophet Isaiah's prophetic teaching particularly in Chapter 60 we find some very interesting and powerful prophetic truths. He declares that even though the earth is full of darkness God's glory and excellence can be seen on His people that produce and maintain His standard of Excellence. He declares the abundance of souls will be converted to God's Glory and Excellence in them. In fact he declares even kings will come with their wealth to provide for and support the kingdom causes of God's people of Excellence. He eventually declares this people are called God's eternal Excellency and Joy for many generations.

**Isaiah 60:1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.**

Please note immediately the word glory comes from the Hebrew word **kaw-bode** and means: splendor, honour, majesty, wealth, term commonly used of God. These words all add up to Excellence of God, or God's Excellence.

**2: For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.**

**3: And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.**

**4: Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.**

**5: Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.**

The abundance of sea means multitudes of different nationalities of people. They shall be converted to God and His Kingdom because of God's glory and standard of Excellence being

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demonstrated by us His Kingdom people of Excellence.

**6: The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the Lord.**

**10: And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee.**

**11: Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought.**

Please note that the word force comes from the Hebrew word *khahyil* and means, wealth, strength, riches, substance, might resources.

God will cause people of wealth to make their wealth and resources available to us when we demonstrate His Excellence in all that we do in ministry.

**14: The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow**

**themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee; The city of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. 15: Whereas thou has been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations.**

When we uphold God’s standard of Excellence in how we produce ministry we become His Eternal Excellency and Joy to many generations and people because we represent Him and reflect and duplicate Him in the earth.

As we come to the last phase of this teaching we need to study about Daniel and God’s standard of Excellence he maintained even in a foreign land.

**Daniel 6:1 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom;**

**2: And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel was first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage.**

**3: 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.**

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in every thing you are responsible for doing you become preferred and favored above others because God promotes you. Excellence also includes being faithful, faultless, and free of error in your life.

**4: Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.**

**5: Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God.**

Even though Daniel was placed in the lion's den for refusing to stop praying to God the favor of God protected and preserved him because he upheld God's standard of Excellence. When we uphold God's standard for Excellence we are preserved, protected, and prospered by God.

**28: So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.**

The anointing of Jesus Christ contains The Spirit of Excellence and the Wisdom of god. The Wisdom of God contains God's supernatural power and might for success and

prosperity. When the Wisdom of God operates in us we are able to do whatever we do with God's Excellence enough to impress people and draw them to us and our causes.

The anointing of God destroys the yokes that imprison us in the spirit of mediocrity.

**II Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.**

**21: Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;**

**Isaiah 10:27 And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.**

In studying the anointing of God carefully we can see that it contains several aspects or powerful traits that enable us the advantage and ability to function with the Excellence of God.

**Isaiah 11: 1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:**

**2: And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and**

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**might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;**

**3: And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:**

The Wisdom of God produces His Excellence that enables us to have His divine favor and make the right impression with people of Excellence. Prominence, prosperity, and success that draws them and their resources to us.

Solomon was anointed with more of God's wisdom than any King before or after him according to II Chronicles 1:10-13. He imparted his wisdom into his staff, his attendants, his employees or workers, and his servants and Excellence was produced in them that created an appearance, an impression, and mannerisms that blew the Queen of Sheba away so much she invested some of her wealth in his existing prosperity. See I Kings 10:1-10.

**Proverbs 3:11 My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction:**

**12: For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.**

**13: Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.**

**14: For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.**

**15: She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.**

**16: Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.**

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