

## How God Builds A Community of Excellence

Being A Community of Hope In A Despairing World - Part 1 of 8

**“Let your light shine before me, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”**

Matthew 5:16

**Definition:** Excellence is doing the \_\_\_\_\_ you can, with what you \_\_\_\_\_, for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

**Example:** *“Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm.”*

Daniel 6:3(NKJ)

**Excellence is based on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

Dan. 6:4

Excellence is **NOT**:

A perfectionist \_\_\_\_\_.

A performance \_\_\_\_\_.

A product for the \_\_\_\_\_.

**EXCELLENCE AT WHATEVER YOU DO HAPPENS WHEN:**

1. People work with \_\_\_\_\_.

**“Whatever your task is, put your whole heart and soul into it as working for the Lord and not merely for men.”**

Colossians 3:23 (Phillips)

**“One who is slack in his work is a brother to the one who destroys.”**

Proverbs 18:9

2. People \_\_\_\_\_.

**“Do you see a man who is skilled in his work he will serve before kings.”**

Proverbs 22:29

**“Do yourself a favor and learn all you can. Then remember what you learned and you will prosper.”**

Proverbs 19:8 (Good News)

3. People \_\_\_\_\_.

**“Everyone talks about how loyal and faithful he is. But just try and find someone who really is.”**

Proverbs 20:6 (Good News)

**“Depending on an unreliable person in a crisis is like trying to chew with a loose tooth or walk with a crippled foot.”**

Proverbs 25:19 (Good News)

**“applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence...”**

2 Peter 1:5 (NAS)

4. People maintain a \_\_\_\_\_.

**“Do all things without grumbling or arguing, so that you may be blameless shining like lights in a dark world.”**

Philippians 2:14-15 (Phillips)

**“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-- think about such things.”**

Philippians 4:8 (NIV)

5. People do whatever it takes to \_\_\_\_\_.

**“Don’t just do the minimum that will get you by. Do your best. Work from the heart. The person who does shoddy work will be held responsible. Being Christian doesn’t cover up bad work.”**

Colossians 3:22-25 (Message)

**“If anybody forces you to go a mile with him, do more -- go two miles with him.”**

Matthew 5:41 (Phillips)

Malachi 1:6-14