

# Excellence #2

## The Examples of Excellence

### Introduction:

This morning I would like to re-cap on the last week introduction of Excellence. This month we are going to focus on the subject of Excellence.

It is our responsibility to present ourselves to God approved...

### 2 Tim 2:15

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

### Mindset of Excellence –

When you hear the term Excellence, what goes through your mind? Waynes World? Bond?

**The Def:** To exceed, to grow or to magnify (not the glitter or gold)

### Two Different Mindsets we dealt with...

- 1). The Norm, the average, the adequate, the Just getting by Mentality. “Oh it’s just the Church”.
- 2). The Child of God with the heart of excellence

### 1 Col 3:23-24

23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,

The One that works for the Lord, not just man, or a church.

### 1. Value Excellence

Success is the maximum utilization of the ability that you have."  
(Zig Ziglar)

### This morning I want deal with the Examples of Excellence.

- 1). Excellence will take us to the edge
- 2). Excellence will make us do what we are meant to do
- 3). Excellence will bring the Best together.

### 1). Excellence will take us to the edge

In the ministry of Paul, we see that it was not easy. One of the greatest hindrances to excellence is the reality that it is hard. It takes us to the edge, and we may pay hard.

### 2 Cor 4:7-10

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

8 We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—

10 always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

This life of ministry was a life of Excellence, many don’t desire hardness, we think if it’s difficult it must not be God, But God is there at the edge. (no glitter, no gold)

True Story of the Russian Submarine in the Cold War....1 Clip

## 2). Excellence will make us do what we are meant to do

One of the greatest regrets in life is knowing you could've done better, but a greater regret is never to do what you were intended to do

### **The Calling of Gideon**

#### **Judg 6:11-14**

11 Now the Angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites.

12 And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, "The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor!"

13 Gideon said to Him, "O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites."

14 Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?"

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He was a thief, yet God called Him to Excellence... "You mighty man of Valor"

**The Rookie**, A man who was challenged to do what He was meant to do. Clip #2

## 3). Excellence brings the best together

Excellence is not a one man show, but it attracts and set people of like mind together. Excellence not only breeds excellence but brings the best our of those who are interested.

Timothy, Titus, John Mark were men who experience an example of Excellence in their disciple and took it to the next level.

We need coaches in our lives, to bring out the best. Sometimes that could be offensive to us, but we must bear it up, suck it up and go for it.

Can anyone tell you what to do? Are you teachable? Then you are ready of Excellence 101.

**Remember the Titans...** A Football team in the times of Racial Conflict had to work under a Black coach, with intergrated black players in a white community and through this obstacle their era, became the Best that year.