

I can remember PG teaching us as disciples to strive for excellence in our ministry involvement and corporately as a whole! For One80 Concert ministry, we (Prescott) set the standard... We have been doing this ministry the longest & churches continue to reference us, so it is very important (*from a biblical standpoint & discipleship standpoint*) to strive for excellence.

PG: *When you want to be excellent you want to do everything in line with God. PG: Discipleship is internal excellence*
Excellence starts in YOU!

Proverbs 22:29 NKJV Do you see a man *who* excels in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before unknown *men*.

I WHAT IS EXCELLENCE?

A- Excellence is an approach, perspective, attitude, and mindset-

1. One definition reads: *it represents a commitment to greatness, continuous improvement, and delivering the highest possible standard.*

2. Another author said; *Excellence is the combination of thousands of detail details executed perfectly*

3. Excellence is not a passive thing: It is intentional

a. You can't be lazy and excellent: It takes work and commitment

b. You can't blame others for a lack of excellence if you yourself aren't striving for it! It requires RESPONSIBILITY

4. Will Guidara: *The way you do one thing is the way you do everything*

a. Excellence or not will show eventually in everything you do!

5. So, learning excellence starts with an honest assessment of self... Am I excellent? Do I seek Excellence?

a. Where does it show- **Proverbs 22:29**

i. It will show in your work... what you do... how you manage... how you respond-

II WHO IS EXCELLENCE FOR?

a. **Q:** Who is Excellence for?

A- GOD FIRST: Colossians 3:23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as **for the Lord** and not for men...

1. **1 Cor 10:31** So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all **for the glory of God**.

a. Excellence is to God first! B/c Everything we do is for the KING!

2. Would a King be pleased with this? Would a King find this acceptable?

a. Text teaches: *When you Serve like your serving a King, you will find yourself serving the King-*

3. This is how I approach all of life, every arena of life and ministry is unto the King first-

a. I minister to the audience of ONE-

B- THEN PEOPLE: This is the next category of who Excellence is for-

1. **1 Pt 2:12** Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

a. When we start with excellence towards God, it will flow into excellence towards people!

2. Will Guidara: *Serve your guests not your ego...*

a. You don't always have to be right (even if you are) you don't always have to correct people (Even if they desperately need it), you don't have to speak to everything (immediately or in front of others)

i. Those can be ego feeders... Instead THINK: What do they need? How can I help them understand my excellence and embrace my passion?

ii PG exemplified excellence, and I desired it, and in pursuit of it he cultivated it in me... eventually I made it my own.

III CONCERT EXCELLENCE

A- With this foundation & understanding, we can now apply it to the Concert Ministry-

1. What we are doing is FOR God and UNTO People... to Build the KOH and Make Disciples!

a. So, we shouldn't do it half way... We should encourage and cultivate excellence!

b. I teach an Idea of *Simple Excellence*: Keep it simple, but execute it great! People will be amazed at simple things-

2. Will Guidara: Teaches the **1 inch rule**... *Do everything with excellence down to the last inch (plating a dish)*

a. Deliver your best down to the last detail of your ministry- (lyric, note, line, service, word)

3. Walt Disney: *People can feel perfection...* People know when something has been done with Excellence-

4. In all of this God will bless your efforts towards excellence- **Proverbs 22:29** Do you see a man *who* excels in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before unknown *men*.