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"DO WHAT YOU DO - DO WELL"

Being faithful in the little things

FOUNDATION SCRIPTURE:

Luke 16: 10 (GNT)

Whoever is faithful in small matters will be faithful in large ones; whoever is dishonest in small matters will be dishonest in large ones.

God uses little things to test our integrity. We think it's the big things in life that creates a leader. But NO!! The big crises in life reveal leadership... but leadership is not built on the big things in life. It's built on the small things (that is where **Integrity** shows up) - in the stuff that nobody sees; in the stuff behind the scenes, the unseen, the unimpressive, small things; choices of life where you do the right thing even though nobody is ever going to see it.

Faithfulness requires integrity (the quality of being honest or having strong moral principles).

Every time a politician has a scandal, you can count on his defenders to come out and say: "It doesn't really matter what the person's private life is like - His private life has nothing to do with him as a leader." (If he lies to his wife, he will lie to you his voters!").

The public blessing as a leader comes because of "private integrity" that nobody ever sees. That's why God uses little things to test our integrity - Genesis 22: 1-2. Excellence and integrity go hand in hand. Integrity requires Excellence You cannot have the one without the other. (**Excellence is the quality of being outstanding or extremely good**). Phil 3:7-8

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. (NKJ)

EXCELLING AT WHAT YOU DO

*The Bible identifies five characteristics of people
who excel and make it to the top:*

1. PEOPLE WHO EXCEL WORK WITH ENTHUSIASM.

Emerson once said, "Nothing great has ever been accomplished without enthusiasm." Regardless of whether the job is big or small, give it your best. Great performers give their best effort, no matter the size of the audience: "Whatever your task is put your whole heart and soul into it, as work done for the Lord, and not merely for men." Colossians 3:23

2. PEOPLE WHO EXCEL SHARPEN THEIR SKILLS.

They never stop developing ... growing ... learning ... improving. "If the axe is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed, but skill will bring success." Ecclesiastes 10:10. It takes more than desire to excel, it takes skill! Remember: You're never wasting time when you're sharpening your "axe."

3. PEOPLE WHO EXCEL KEEP THEIR WORD.

They are reliable. They can be counted on to do what they say they'll do. So they excel because people of integrity are rare in our society: "Everyone talks about how loyal and faithful they are, but just try to find someone who really is!" Proverbs 20:6 GN

4. PEOPLE WHO EXCEL MAINTAIN A POSITIVE ATTITUDE.

Even under pressure ... or change ... or unrealistic demands, they don't allow themselves to become negative. Complainers never excel at anything except complaining. "Do all things without grumbling or arguing ... and you will shine out like a light in a dark world." Philippians 2:14-15. And remember: "If your boss is angry with you, don't quit! A quiet spirit will quiet his bad temper." Ecclesiastes 10:4 LB

5. PEOPLE WHO EXCEL DO MORE THAN IS EXPECTED.

This is a secret that every successful person has discovered. You'll never excel by doing what is required - the bare minimum. Jesus said, "If anybody forces you to go a mile with him, do more, go two miles with him." Matthew 5:41