## BECOMING A PERSON OF EXCELLENCE

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# What does the word excellence mean?

- To be consistent in good character, attitude, quality and standards.
- To be unapologetically exceptional. Being a person of excellence is a continuous process.
- Now there is a difference between being a perfectionist and being a person of excellence.
- A perfectionist is one who what's to get it right all the time which is very impossible whilst a person of excellence is not afraid to make mistakes but is self-aware and humble enough to identify mistakes, desires and makes conscious efforts to correct them which is achievable.

## Why is important to be a person of excellence?

- Well as a professional, if you want to succeed in your career, you need to master the art of excellence.
- In a world where being unique or standing out is not popular, it is easy to not care about having an excellent spirit but ask yourself, if everyone is twisted, if everyone is taking kick backs or being slack on the job, is everyone a success?
- Real success requires you standing out from the crowd. It requires you being different even if you go unnoticed or not commended. Being a person of excellence is not determined by people's behaviour towards you.

### Is It Truly Worth It?

- You will be taken for granted, unappreciated, overlooked or even mistreated for standing out, but your worth cannot be tied to the appraisal of men. It's easier to compromise and be like everyone but copycats have a shorter shelf life. This means that being excellent is not convenient but necessary if you want a successful career life.
- However, there is a difference between being excellent in one area of your life and being a person of excellence. I can be an excellent engineer. I can be an excellent entrepreneur. But neither of those things makes me an excellent person.

### Is It Truly Worth It? Contd.

- Make conscious efforts be successful in every area of your life. But that doesn't mean that we are perfect. We are by definition imperfect creatures. However, we should be striving for excellence in everything that we do. A person of excellence is consistent in his personal, social, and career life.
- If you are dishonest, greedy, lazy, untidy, disrespectful or selfish it will reflect or can affect your career life. Specifically in your dealings with superiors and peers and even your customers. One may say it's easy to pretend at work, but once a particular stimulus is effected, your subconscious will take effect. Practice makes permanent. Consistent habits form character.

### Is It Truly Worth It? Contd.

If your behavior is poor in your health, social or family life, chances are that you will have a lapse in your career life. Essentially, you can succeed in one area of your life and be miserable at the same time. Why? Because it isn't enough to succeed in just one discrete area of your life. To put it clearly, you can have a wildly successful career, but if you are in a miserable marriage, you will be unhappy which can affect your career.

#### **Qualities of a Person of Excellence**

- A person of excellence adds value to himself and to others
- A person of excellence goes the extra mile in all endeavors
- A person of excellence thinks of consequences before taking any action
- A person of excellence doesn't tolerate or encourage mediocrity or hypocrisy
- A person of excellence is not satisfied with average
- A person of excellence pays attention to details
- A person of excellence works to earn respect and merit

## **Qualities of a Person of Excellence Contd.**

- A person of excellence seeks to always make a difference in people's lives
- A person of excellence is consistent in good behavior, manners and attitude towards people and responsibilities
- A person of excellence stands out everywhere he goes. He doesn't fit in with the crowd.
- A person of excellence is a positive influencer, a sensitive or empathetic individual and an excellent communicator.
- A person of excellence lifts others because he knows that he rises when he lifts others
- A person of excellence is not insecure.

#### CONCLUSION

In order to be on the excellent track, focus on these life changing quotes:

- Don't live to impress people, live to impress God and yourself.
- Always remember that what we do when no one is looking is who we really are.
- Be confident when you are the only one standing. Fear no one. Excellent people can never be outwitted or outran. They will reach their destination called SUCCESS...
- There is scarcity of exceptional people, be one of them. The world needs people like you.
- Act on purpose, not on feelings.
- Be consistently optimistic

#### Conclusion. Contd.

- Circumstances don't make us who we are, they show us who we are. Be consistent in your attitude.
- Live a life of gratitude. When you are content with what you have, you'll not be tempted to engage in malfeasance to succeed in the workplace.
- The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in the moments of comfort, but where he stands in seasons of challenge.
- If God be for you, who can be against you?
  Romans 8:31
- No risk no reward. Stand alone even if the world is against you.

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

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