

APRIL DEVELOPMENT GUIDE

SUBJECT: EXCELLENCE



Why is Excellence so important?

- God gave us His best and we should give our best because we are the reflection of Christ
- We are the hands and feet of Jesus and we represent who He is to the world
- God commanded us to do our work as unto the Lord and we should give Him our best | Colossians 3:23
- Let your light shine, so others can see your good works and give glory to God | Matthew 5:16

How do I get it?

- Pray and ask the Father to help you obtain a spirit of excellence | John 15:16
- Do everything to your very best to glorify God | I Corinthians 10:31
- Pursuing excellence is a matter of choosing the best | I Corinthians 15:58
- Be a person of integrity | Daniel 6:22

Definition of Excellence

- Doing our very best with what the Lord has provided us in people, facilities, and resources.
- “We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.” —Aristotle
- Characteristics of an Excellent Spirit: great character, integrity, honesty, compassion, humble, teachable, ever learning, great work habits, dependable, meekness, consistent, determination, diligence, adaptability, persistent, enthusiastic, forgiving, self-disciplined, reliable, generous, grateful, positive attitude, faithful, hopeful, surrendered to God, and Christ-like.

How do I apply Excellence?

- Whatever you put your hand to, do it to your best ability. | Colossians 3:23
- Ask for help and feedback. Practice humility by asking others to help you and ask for feedback.
- 3 ways to apply excellence: 1. See and solve problems; 2. Carry culture; 3. Add value

Additional Scriptures to read: I John 4:17; I Corinthians 15:58; Daniel 6:3; I Thessalonians 4:1

Discussion Questions:

1. What were your biggest takeaways from the teaching(s)?
2. How yielded are you to the spirit of excellence?
3. How can you increase your spirit of excellence?