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INTEGRITY

Birthing Eagles

Our society is without: Excellence
Integrity
Commitment
Discipline

There are a few
soaring eagles left,
but very few.

Integrity (defined) – Firm adherence to a code (whole) or standard of values.
PROSPERITY! Keep your word. Say what you are going to do, and do what you say. We are in the world but not of it – not to be worldly or like the world.

I. The More Excellent Way

A. **I Corinthians 12:31** – *But earnestly desire and zealously cultivate the greatest and best gifts and graces (the higher gifts and the choicest graces). And yet I will show you a still more excellent way [one that is better by far and the highest of them all – love].*

1. Approve what is excellent

Philippians 1:10 – *So that you may surely learn to sense what is vital, and approve and prize what is excellent and of real value [recognizing the highest and the best, and distinguishing the moral differences], and that you may be untainted and pure and unerring and blameless [so that with hearts sincere and certain and unsullied, you may approach] the day of Christ [not stumbling nor causing others to stumble].*

2. **Called to excellence**

II Peter 1:3 – *For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue).*

3. **Called to show forth the excellencies of our God**

I Peter 2:9 – *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, [God's] own purchased, special people, that you may set forth the wonderful deeds and display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.*

B. **Glory/Glorify** – The manifestation of the excellencies of God

C. **CAN'T COMPROMISE**

1. Life today – A result of the compromises you did or didn't make previously.

2. **Be Excellent – Not Mediocre**

Mediocre Equals A Mess.

3. **Go the extra mile** – Be excellent even when no one is looking.

Matthew 5:41 – *And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two [miles].*

II. **Daniel 1:8 (3-9) – Daniel Was Determined.**

A. **Verse 3** – *And the [Babylonian] king told Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, to bring in some of the children of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility . . .*

Verse 4 – *Youths without blemish, well-favored in appearance and skillful in all wisdom, discernment, and understanding, apt in learning knowledge, competent to stand and serve in the king's palace – and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.*

Verse 5 – *And the king assigned for them a daily portion of his own rich and dainty food and of the wine which he drank. They were to be so educated and so nourished for three years that at the end of that time they might stand before the king.*

Verse 6 – *Among these were of the children of Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.*

Verse 7 – *The chief of the eunuchs gave them names: Daniel he called Belteshazzar [the king's attendant], Hananiah he called Shadrach, Mishael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego.*

Verse 8 – ***But Daniel determined in his heart that he would not defile himself by [eating his portion of] the king's rich and dainty food or by [drinking] the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might [be allowed] not to defile himself.***

Verse 9 – *Now God made Daniel to find favor, compassion, and loving-kindness with the chief of the eunuchs.*

- B. **Daniel 5:12** – *Because an excellent spirit, knowledge, and understanding to interpret dreams, clarify riddles, and solve knotty problems were found in this same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will show the interpretation.*
- C. **Daniel 6:3** – *Then this Daniel was distinguished above the presidents and the satraps because an excellent spirit was in him, and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.*

III. Daniel 3:15-18 – Friends: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

A. **Verse 15** – *Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, dulcimer or bagpipe, and every kind of music to fall down and worship the image which I have made, very good. But if you do not worship, you shall be cast at once into the midst of a burning fiery furnace, and who is that god who can deliver you out of my hands?*

Verse 16 – *Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, it is not necessary for us to answer you on this point.*

Verse 17 – *If our God Whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, He will deliver us out of your hand, O king.*

Verse 18 – *But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image which you have set up!*

IV. **God Called Us:**

A. Ten years He trained us and taught us – a slow, painful process:

1. Five years home Bible study
2. Five years faithful in another's ministry
3. God told me to go North, South, East, and West.

B. **Three things God told me regarding Joyce Meyer Ministries:**

1. Keep **STRIFE** out.
2. Walk in integrity (obey your heart).
3. Do what you do in excellence.

C. **Some of my learning experiences:**

1. Meletio Foods

2. Grocery carts
3. Chickens
4. Put things back where I got them on shelves
5. Pick up pennies – you will be a millionaire some day.

V. The Principle – Little Foxes Spoil The Vine!

A. Do people notice?

1. Show forth His glory.
2. Be a living epistle.

**HE THAT IS FAITHFUL IN LITTLE THINGS
WILL BE MADE RULER OVER MUCH!**

ADDENDUM

Testimony:

Dear Joyce,

Just a testimony of how God gave me the 'opportunity' to apply your teaching this morning to a situation in my life this afternoon. This was in regard to your teaching about God's dealing with you in the grocery store or 'cleaning up your own messes.'

I was taking out my recycling cans and glasses to the community receptacle; and as I went to open the lid, the paper bag in my hand ripped and a glass jar dropped to the cement floor and shattered. I was real tempted to pick up the big pieces and leave the little dangerous mess. All sorts of excuses immediately raced through my mind. 'I shouldn't leave the baby alone. I'm so tired. I have a broom, but I haven't seen that dustpan around lately. It's hot outside.' However, your teaching was too fresh in my mind; so I told my feet to take my soul and flesh back up to my apartment to get the broom and dustpan and clean up my mess.

The nice thing about cleaning up the mess was the freedom of just forgetting about the whole thing once I chose the more excellent way.

Scriptures On The Conscience:

Acts 23:1 – *Then Paul, gazing earnestly at the council (Sanhedrin), said, Brethren, I have lived before God, doing my duty with a perfectly good conscience until this very day [as a citizen, a true and loyal Jew].*

Acts 24:16 – *Therefore I always exercise and discipline myself [mortifying my body, deadening my carnal affections, bodily appetites, and worldly desires, endeavoring in all respects] to have a clear (unshaken, blameless) conscience, void of offense toward God and toward men.*

Romans 9:1 – *I am speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying; my conscience [enlightened and prompted] by the Holy Spirit bearing witness with me . . .*

Romans 14:23 – *But the man who has doubts (misgivings, an uneasy conscience) about eating, and then eats [perhaps because of you], stands condemned [before God], because he is not true to his convictions and he does not act from faith. For whatever does not originate and proceed from faith is sin [whatever is done without a conviction of its approval by God is sinful].*

I Timothy 1:5 – *Whereas the object and purpose of our instruction and charge is love, which springs from a pure heart and a good (clear) conscience and sincere (unfeigned) faith.*

I Timothy 1:19 – *Holding fast to faith (that leaning of the entire human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence) and having a good (clear) conscience. By rejecting and thrusting from them [their conscience], some individuals have made shipwreck of their faith.*

I Timothy 3:9 – *They must possess the mystic secret of the faith [Christian truth as hidden from ungodly men] with a clear conscience.*

