

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....” John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a



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Taking God To Work
The Keys To Lasting Success

GROWTH GUIDE

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Study: 11/12/17

Excellent Work In A Mediocre World

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

As Christians, the light we shine into our workplace may be the only light some people will see. It is all about attitude. Our witness is comprised of our behavior every day, not just on our best days: The way we speak to people. The way we treat people with our actions. The things we say and don't say about people when they aren't in the room. Regardless of technical aptitude, we can follow the advice of Garth from Saturday Night Live, “Be excellent, to each other.” Talking about God doesn't go very far with most people until they know how much you care about them. Proving that you are truly different from the religious stereotypes, fostered by television and movies, will further the Gospel more than a hundred poorly-timed sermons.

In an era when discouragement and depression lurk as close as the next cubicle, your positive attitude fueled by faith will make a difference. As Zig Zigler was fond of saying, “Your attitude will determine your altitude.

To maintain our joy, we must control what we hear, say, see and meditate on. Garbage in and garbage out applies to more than just databases. It is difficult to be excellent if everything on the inside has been slimed by the wrong input. We live in a spiritual age when God permits us a lot of latitude, but that doesn't mean that everything is helpful to ourselves or others. “All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any” (1 Corinthians 6:12).

Excellence should not elude us for lack of effort. Give your best every time. By keeping your head down and working even when no one is looking, we will distinguish ourselves. “But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; and indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more; that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing” (1 Thessalonians 4:9-12). By David L. Winters

KEY VERSE

Daniel 6:3

"Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm. . . " NKJV

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Daniel 6:1-3; I Corinthians 3:13 -15a

Introduction

1. In what ways have you strove for excellence in your job?
2. From a spiritual perspective, why should we try for excellence in our work?

Tuesday: Matthew 5:16; I Thessalonians 4:9-12

Demonstrate an Excellent Work Ethic

3. How is our testimony affected by our work ethic?
4. What does I Thessalonians imply about the role of work in lacking nothing?

Wednesday: Daniel 1:8; Daniel 5:12-14

Demonstrate Excellent Character and Skills

5. How did Daniel's discipline bring attention to himself and God?
6. How did God gift Daniel with special talents that God used to make a point with Belteshazzar?
7. Do you have an example of when God used your talents or personality to help someone at work?

Thursday: Daniel 6:3-4; Ecclesiastes 9:10

Demonstrate Excellent Dedication

8. How can the spirit of excellence lead to promotion?
9. What is the relationship between being diligent and being talented?
10. Why do you think Daniel was so excellent at what he did?

Friday: Daniel 6:5; Proverbs 22:29

What to Expect When Your Work is Excellent

11. Have you seen an example of jealousy in the workplace? How did this relate to excellence?
12. God's favor includes rewarding our excellence in this present time. Have you had an instance when your excellence led to a special honor or opportunity?
13. What step can you take to increase your excellence in the your work?