

# Forfeiting Mediocrity Chasing Excellence & Glory

Text: Psalm 16:3

Definition of Glory - Splendor, honor. Great majestic excellence.



Diaphero-excellence - of more value, or to be better, than the rest.

Doxa - Glory - Hebrew - Shewca = both terms for glory mean, completeness, fullness + perfection. When we seek and chase excellence we are in fact chasing divine glory. They are interchangeable terms.

Yeshua's will for each one of our lives is to gradually and progressively, put on new areas of excellency. (Matth. 5:48). God is summoning us to test <sup>challenge</sup> areas of mediocrity and allow Him to make them <sup>new</sup> realms of excellency. Yeshua is looking for a committed striving toward excellence, not sinless perfection. Yeshua's will: Eph 4:13. A standard

Of excellence  
set by  
Messiah's  
perfection  
(J.N.V.)

Our failure to remove ourselves from accepting mediocrity is an abomination to God. Rev. 3:15-16. Mediocrity is a result of the fall.

The only pure motivation for excellence is a desire to please Him by functioning as we were designed to function. Functioning as designed, brings Him honor and glory. Chasing excellence for any other reason is sin.

Part 2

The John 2:15

Prerequisite:

To acquire a "Spirit of Excellence" we need to: (function) to (the Max).

1. Know who you are in Messiah. Eph 1:4, Rom 8:14, Luke 1:3. (Theopolis).
2. Be determined to allow God to choose your station & vocation. (John 10:4).
3. Make a daily decision to be the best at what you do! (1 Corinth 10:31)

The goal:

Pursue excellence in 9 <sup>common</sup> areas: Reputation (Proverbs 22:1) Choices (Prov. 12:2,6), Wholesome living & speech (Prov. 17:7), Wisdom (Daniels-19), Phil 3:8, Relationships (Rom 12:18), Occupation (1 Corinth 10:31), Love (1 Corint 12:31), Power (2 Cor. 4:7).



Most character aspects of God's glory are attainable. A "few" are not such as: Omniscience, Omnipotence, Omnipresence. ~~These character traits are not attainable~~ If they all were attainable, we'd be God. We're not God.

The Method.  
The Case:

3 main ways to achieve God's excellency or glory. Reproachment persecution & being misunderstood as you pursue Yeshua's call.

\* Trials produce excellence.  
Trials add excellence. (1 Peter 4:14). (2) Involvement  
as either an elder,  
a witness, or a partaker. Get involved in Kingdom Business. Involvement adds  
excellence. (1 Peter 5:1). (3) Endurance produces excellence. Heb 12:2.  
~~... this passage is not being highlighted to this surrounding...~~

\* Settling for mediocrity puts you in the devil's trap and makes you a part of  
this world's system & it is corrupt temporary glory. Seeking Jesus's perfect  
excellence, leads you to assume your standing as "the excellent saints on earth!"

\* Chase it to get it!! Mediocrity permeates the world. 1 John 2:15. Forego  
mediocrity & Start chasing, Glory. Excellent Glory.