

***"DARE TO BE EXCELLENT!"***

Many people today are comfortable with considering themselves average. It is a word that resonates throughout our society as an acceptable norm. Average depicts equality in many of our circles of influence therefore helping to create a sense of belonging. I am persuaded that many of us have become so content to walk in the realm of average that we have conceded the possibility of walking in the spirit that God intended for us.

You see my beloved, remember that God created us in His image and likeness so consequently, we have the essence of God on the inside of us. In one psalm of David, he declares that God has fearfully and wonderfully made him. So like David, we too were made wonderfully and reverently, but not to live just an average existence but to live in excellence.

The Greek philosopher Aristotle said it best. "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then is not an act, but a habit."

Author Ralph Marston writes, "Excellence is not a skill, it's an attitude."

This suggests to us that our habits and attitudes need to line up with excellence and not average. Doing just enough is the attitude of the average. Going the extra mile is a habit of excellence. God serves as the prime example of excellence by going the extra mile when He sent us His beloved son Jesus as a human sacrifice to be put to death as the penalty for mankind's wrongdoing. Because of that we can now walk in excellence like our creator. All it requires you to do is to get MAD.

MAD means "Make a Decision." We are MAD all the time. You must decide to be excellent and it must be on purpose. Excellence is not achieved by accident. It will help to surround yourselves around people and resources of excellence. You are either influenced by excellent people or average people. Remember the saying, "birds of a feather flock together." Read, Listen, and speak words of excellence and you will begin to think in like manner. You have to start somewhere. It's a marathon not a sprint. But start today for the rewards of walking in excellence are great not just good. God's abundant blessings are attached to excellence, not average. Remember you are like your Creator. He is an excellent God. He does everything in excellence.

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