



TWCC Teaching Handout for Wednesday, December 13th, 2017



A Review... “Don’t Compromise”



Daniel 6:1 – 4 (NKJV) - “It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty satraps, to be over the whole kingdom;² and over these, three governors, of whom Daniel was one, that the satraps might give account to them, so that the king would suffer no loss.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. ⁴ So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because **he was faithful**; nor was there any error or fault found in him.”

- ❖ An Excellent Spirit is _____ Christ-like Attitude first and foremost. TRUE HUMILITY IS _____ - DEPENDENT! Humility is a huge part of an _____ spirit.
- ❖ *True humility doesn’t exalt self. True humility doesn’t debase self. True humility isn’t about self at all. Self is pride. The need to share your opinion is pride. Slandering or gossiping about someone to improve your reputation is pride. Avoiding criticism is pride. Worrying about what other people think is pride. (Read Numbers 12:3 NKJV) True humility is saying about yourself what God says about you. True humility agrees with God.*
- ❖ An excellent spirit or attitude is the key to _____. Yet many people think that as long as they do the right thing, they will succeed. They think that going through the motions of success will bring success. But that’s not true. **WRONG ATTITUDE VOIDS RIGHT ACTIONS.**
- ❖ We must not allow “the enemy of our soul (Satan)” and “the spirit of mediocrity” to tempt us to COMPROMISE our (1) _____ of integrity, honor, honesty and faithfulness (2) our **CONVICTIONS**, which is our beliefs and behavior based on God’s Word and standards of righteousness, holiness, godliness (3) our **CALLING** (3) our _____ to live our life based on the Word of God (4) our _____ of faith of the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the acknowledgement of who you are in Christ and who you are in the body of Christ. We are to compromise in our testimony and witness of the Lord in our lives. **WHAT YOU COMPROMISE TO KEEP YOU WILL LOSE!**
- ❖ GOD PROMOTES _____. HE PROMOTES PEOPLE WHO WON’T COMPROMISE, WHO THINK IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY.
- ❖ God created every human being to live forever. We’re all going to live forever in eternity. The only question is where. People who are afraid to stand up and do what is right aren’t thinking in light of eternity. Their only thoughts are for what may advance them during the next five or ten years. That’s short-term thinking. Sacrificing the future, whether theirs or someone else’s, for momentary ease is wrong. That’s not an _____ spirit!

EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY

- » Excellence in ministry... Whatever price it takes, pay it. Just as the Lord has called us into Christian ministry and service, He also has called us to reach for perfection in our vocation. “*Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.*” – **Matthew 5:48 (NKJV)**. “*I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called...*” – **Ephesians 4:1 (NKJV)**. We are also required to demand excellence from those placed in our charge.
- » We must understand and place high value in the fact that we are entrusted with God’s strength and might. We are therefore faced with two responsibilities:
 - (1) To develop and maintain _____ of ministry and (2) to _____ with Satan.
- » _____ in ministry absolutely will not tolerate unbelief, failure or “taking the easy way out.” A ministry of excellence will pay whatever price it takes to get the job done God’s way. Ours is a sacred calling. It must be executed with dedication and integrity. We are expected to demonstrate absolute honesty and commitment. ***Without a firm decision to succeed with God’s help, we cannot hope to maintain the measure of maturity and perfection that our ministry must command.***
- » **STEPS TO EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY:**
 - **Step One:** _____ - **It’s Your Decision** (1) Find your place in the Body (2) Devote yourself to pleasing God and (3) Commit yourself to a life of prayer.
 - **Step Two: Singleness of Purpose.** Our single purpose in ministry, from the Lord is to meet the needs of people. We must not hesitate to step out on our faith personally and publically. We must commit to making the Word of God our final authority and to preach the Word in season and out of season.
 - **Step Three: Follow the Leadership of the Holy Spirit.** In either pulpit or helps ministry, never follow the path your mind wants to take. Don’t lean to your own understanding. Learn to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit within you. Don’t be influenced by situations. Be prepared for disturbances or distractions sent by the enemy.
 - **Step Four: Strip Away the Things of the World.** (**Read John 17:16 – 17 (NKJV)**). To sanctify means “to separate unto.” We are in this world but not of it. *So to have excellence of ministry, we must strip away everything of the world from our lives until there is nothing left but the Word of God. One of the first things that must be rooted out is our sin. Second, strip away your negative confessions. Do away with Spiritual Junk Food. Put away Man-made schemes. Lay aside the cares of this world.*
 - **Step Five: Look to the Word Day and Night.** (**Read Proverbs 4:5 – 9 NKJV**). The Word Promotes! Looking to the Word helps control your flesh. God will exalt you as you exalt the Word.
 - **Step Six: Spend Time Fasting.** Two types of fasts: (1) A Proclaimed fast and (2) a Personal fast.

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EXCELLENCE IN MEMBERSHIP



- » *Excellence in Ministry* is the commitment to meet the needs of people. It is a loving *motive* and passionate *motivation* to step up and serve up to God and to others as Christ's anointed and authorized representative. It's focus is to honor God, to genuinely love and honor people with the life and love of God in an impactful and increasing manner by the Word of God and the anointing of the Holy Spirit.
- » *Excellence in Membership* is the commitment to meet the needs of the Local Church. It is a *dedication*, a godly *desire* and a holy *devotion* to built-up, to be a benefit and a blessing to the Church (TWCC). It is a firm, committed choice to protect, provide and prosper the Church and the causes of the Church in a healthy and productive way that brings our Heavenly Father God the greatest glory and maximizes the expansions of His Kingdom. It is covenant and commitment to the Local Church's purpose, vision and mission.
- » 4 - I Will's of Excellence in Membership: (Read 1 Corinthians 12:12 - 18 NKJV)
 - I Will Protect the Unity of My Church. (Read 1 Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 4:1 - 7; Philippians 1:27)
 - I Will Share the Responsibility of My Church.
 - I Will Serve the Ministry of My Church.
 - I Will Support the Testimony of My Church.