

The Cost Of Biblical Excellence

Galatians 2:20; Philippians

2:13

Like Ruth, we should ALL Strive to reach this GOAL of Biblical Excellence by Reflecting God's Character & Becoming Like Christ...(Ruth 3:11)

But this Lofty Goal of Biblical Excellence comes with a COST TO YOU...

1. **BIBLICAL EXCELLENCE IS ROOTED IN SURRENDER.** (Gal. 2:20; John 3:30)

- Whatever *Religious* or *Spiritual* knowledge you have is USELESS IF it does NOT Lead you to a **REAL & ONGOING Practice** of Surrender.
- The greatest opposition to you *becoming Biblical Excellent... is* SELF.
- *Galatians 2:20* gives *US* the CONDITION For Surrender: DEATH
- It also gives *US* the RESULT Of Surrender...A LIFE OF FAITH
- There are Three Attitudes at work in *Luke 9:23* regarding Surrender.
- *"Deny himself"* reminds us to say "NO" to Oneself in order to say "YES" to God!!
- *"Taking up your Cross Daily"* reminds us to Endure Whatever is necessary to LIVE how *God wants us to LIVE*.
- *"Follow Me"* reminds us the Christian life is a Moment by Moment Decision to surrender to the *life of Christ*.

2. **BIBLICAL EXCELLENCE IS REFLECTED IN OBEDIENCE.** (Philippians 2:13)

- To make an Impact...to be Biblically Excellent...we must Prove that we POSSESS that which we PROFESS.
- *God desires* that Our Obedience be Motivated by Our Love for Him...
- Obedying Is For OUR Good! (Deut. 10:12-13)
- What is *YOUR ATTITUDE* toward Obedience? (Luke 6:46-49)
- It's always OUR CHOICE to either Obey God or Disobey God.
- *Do you "WILL" to DO the will of God?*
- *Do you "WILL" to KNOW the will of God?*
- More than anything, for *our OWN Benefit*...God desires that we Grow & Become Like Christ in our ATTITUDE toward Obedience. (Philippians 2:5-8)
- *To Become Biblically Excellent*, YOU must CHOOSE to live Totally Surrendered & Fully Obedient to God.

