The Cost Of Biblical Excellence (Pt 2) Philippians 1:8-11

We ARE what we Repeatedly DO...Excellence is a HABIT.

God <u>Challenges</u> US to BE <u>MORE</u> than we Ever <u>Thought</u> we could BE?

But Practically Speaking, <u>HOW</u> do I become Biblically <u>Excellent</u>?

1. BIBLICAL EXCELLENCE IS MOLDED BY DISCIPLINE.

- We must <u>Discipline</u> our <u>MINDS</u>. (Romans 12:2, Isaiah 26:3, Colossians 3:2, Rom. 8:5-8)
- We must <u>Discipline</u> our <u>WILL</u>. (Psalm 101:1-4)
- We must <u>Discipline</u> our <u>EMOTIONS</u>. (Right <u>Thinking</u> & <u>Behavior</u> leads to right <u>Feelings</u>)
- We must Discipline our BODIES. (1 Corinthians 6:19; Romans 12:1)
- We must have <u>Discipline</u> with our <u>TIME</u>. (Ephesians 5:15)

BIBLICAL EXCELLENCE IS MAGNIFIED BY WISDOM.

- This kind of <u>Wisdom</u> depends on <u>YOU Obeying</u> the Will of <u>GOD</u> rather than the will of <u>MAN</u>.
- HOW do we ACQUIRE THIS WISDOM? (Proverbs 9:10, Proverbs3:5-7, Proverbs13:20, Proverbs 22:17, James 1:5-6)
- <u>WHAT</u> are the <u>CHARACTERISTICS</u> OF WISDOM? (James 3:13, Proverbs 29:11, Psalm 90:12, Proverbs10:19, Proverbs 12:15, Proverbs 11:30)
- WHAT are the BENEFITS OF WISDOM? (Proverbs 3:13-18)

OUR GOAL Of Biblical Excellence should be:

"Lord, I give up ALL my <u>OWN</u> Plans & Purposes, ALL my <u>OWN</u> Desires & Hopes, and I <u>Accept YOUR</u> will for my life.

I give <u>Myself</u>, my <u>Life</u>, & my <u>ALL</u> utterly to You to be <u>Yours</u> Forever. <u>Fill</u> me & <u>Seal</u> me with Your Holy Spirit.

<u>Use</u> me as You will...<u>Send</u> me where You will...<u>Work</u> out Your whole will in my life at <u>ANY</u> COST...Both <u>Now</u> & <u>Forever</u>."