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Excellence is putting your faith into action.

The Jews saw excellence as what was seen outwardly.

Same as in today's culture.

Jesus called the Pharisees phonies. Matthew 23:27-28

Christianity takes what the world sees as excellent and flips it upside down from **outside** to **inside**.

It is vital to put your faith into action when operating in a fallen, sinful, world.

Philippians 3:12-14

Matthew 10:16-20

Paul was given the opportunity to share with boldness about the unknown God when he was speaking in the temple of idols in Athens.
Acts 17:22-31.

Every time Paul testified before these rulers, Ceasars, or kings he would share with **great courage his testimony of how Christ saved him and appointed him as an apostle to go out to all the nations and share the good news of Jesus Christ.**

You never know what the Lord will do when you step out in obedience and **Put Your Faith Into Action.**

What does scripture say about being influenced by Satan?

2 Timothy 2:26b

Paul calls those who are not in Christ **captives of Satan.**

"There are no mere mortals, every person you encounter is either an eternal splendor or an immortal horror." - C.S. Lewis

Two key principles to putting your faith into action:

A) Excellent faith requires you being willing to give up to go up.

What did Paul give up? Philippians 3:4-11

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B) Excellent faith requires you must learn and understand the will of God.

Galatians 1:15-16b

Galatians 1:23-24

2 Areas that Paul deals with in seeking the prize of the upward call in Jesus Christ:

1) Doing God's Will equates to finding purpose and meaning

1 Corinthians 9:25

2) Dealing with failures of the past allows you to be free to perform God's will.

Jesus' final address to the Apostles: Matthew 28:18-20

The King of Kings and Lord of Lords is with you. Do not be afraid to take a step of faith and see how He uses you!

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