

# KINGDOM CULTURE: EXCELLENCE

## **EXCELLENCE: HONORS GOD AND INSPIRES PEOPLE!**

- The quality of a man's life is in direct proportion to his commitment to excellence-**Tom Landry**
- Excellence is continual gradual improvement-**Pat Riley**

Steve Jobs didn't sketch one character in Pixar's new movie, Brave, but his handprint is on every frame. John Lasseter, the chief creative officer for Walt Disney and Pixar Animation, told a short, insightful story about the late Apple CEO during an interview on Charlie Rose - Jobs had purchased Pixar in 1986 for \$10 million. He would later sell Pixar to Disney for \$7.4 billion, making Jobs Disney's largest shareholder. Steve Jobs introduced the Pixar team to his pixel-level obsession with excellence.

In Lasseter's first meeting with Jobs, he wanted to tell Jobs about a short film he was working on that would show off Pixar's technology. With Pixar's main focus being hardware at the time, Lasseter was the studio's only animator. After Lasseter pitched the story, Steve Jobs offered four words of advice: "Just make it great." It was the only guidance that Jobs gave Lasseter. That short, Tin Toy, won an Academy Award for the best-animated short film, and the first time computer animation received an Oscar.

## **KAIZEN**

"KAIZEN" means improvement. Moreover, it means continuing improvement in personal life, home life, social life, and working life. When applied to the workplace KAIZEN means continuing improvement involving everyone – managers and workers alike. In case of physical products, customers are satisfied when the products are:

- **DURABLE**
- **RELIABLE**
- **EASY TO USE**
- **ADAPTABLE**

## ▪ APPROPRIATE

In case of service industry customers are satisfied only when:

- Employees are friendly and polite.
- Employees are honest and do not make fake promises.
- Employees are easy approachable.
- Employees are willing to listen and address customer grievances.
- Organizations respond to customer requests on time.

## **BIBLICAL EXPRESSIONS OF EXCELLENCE:**

### **JOSEPH**

“Now therefore, let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt. <sup>34</sup> Let Pharaoh do *this*, and let him appoint officers over the land, to collect one-fifth *of the produce* of the land of Egypt in the seven plentiful years. <sup>35</sup> And let them gather all the food of those good years that are coming, and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. <sup>36</sup> Then that food shall be as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine which shall be in the land of Egypt, that the land may not perish during the famine.”

<sup>37</sup> So the advice was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants. <sup>38</sup> And Pharaoh said to his servants, “Can we find *such a one* as this, a man in whom *is* the Spirit of God?”

<sup>39</sup> Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, *there is* no one as discerning and wise as you. <sup>40</sup> You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you.” <sup>41</sup> And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.”

<sup>42</sup> Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph’s hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. <sup>43</sup> And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried out before him, “Bow the knee!” So he set him over all the land of Egypt. <sup>44</sup> Pharaoh also said to Joseph, “*I am* Pharaoh, and without your consent no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.” <sup>45</sup> And Pharaoh called Joseph’s

name Zaphnath-Paaneah. And he gave him as a wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On. So, Joseph went out over *all* the land of Egypt.

<sup>46</sup> Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt <sup>47</sup> Now in the seven plentiful years the ground brought forth abundantly. <sup>48</sup> So he gathered up all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities; he laid up in every city the food of the fields which surrounded them. <sup>49</sup> Joseph gathered very much grain, as the sand of the sea, until he stopped counting, for *it was* immeasurable (**GENESIS 41:33-49-NKJV**).

## **DANIEL**

Inasmuch as an excellent spirit, knowledge, understanding, interpreting dreams, solving riddles, and explaining enigmas were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar, now let Daniel be called, and he will give the interpretation.” (**DANIEL 5:12-NKJV**)

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 (**DANIEL 6:3-NKJV**)

## **SOLOMON**

Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, she came to test him with hard questions. <sup>2</sup> She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels that bore spices, very much gold, and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was in her heart. <sup>3</sup> So Solomon answered all her questions; there was nothing so difficult for the king that he could not explain *it* to her. <sup>4</sup> And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, <sup>5</sup> the food on his table, the seating of his servants, the service of his waiters and their apparel, his cupbearers, and his entryway by which he went up to the house of the Lord, there was no more spirit in her. <sup>6</sup> Then she said to the king: “It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom. <sup>7</sup> However I did not believe the words until I came and saw with my own eyes; and indeed the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the fame of which I heard (**1KINGS 10:1-7-NKJV**).

## **EXCELLENCE IN THREE WORDS:**

- **AND THEN SOME!**

Furthermore David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great: for the palace is not for man, but for the Lord God. <sup>2</sup> Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, glistening stones, and of divers colors, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance. <sup>3</sup> Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house. <sup>4</sup> Even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses withal: <sup>5</sup> The gold for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and for all manner of work to be made by the hands of artificers. And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?

<sup>6</sup> Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly, <sup>7</sup> And gave for the service of the house of God of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand drams, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of brass eighteen thousand talents, and one hundred thousand talents of iron (**1CHRONICLES 29:1-7-KJV**).

## **A CHURCH OF EXCELLENCE:**

1. **THE CULTURE IS CONSISTENT**
2. **THE VISION IS CLEAR**
3. **GOD IS GLORIFIED**
4. **THE KINGDOM IS EXPANDED**