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“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,”
Colossians 3:23

Commissioner Paul Seiler, a Salvation Army Officer in the USA, believes that when we consider ourselves representatives of God we have a responsibility to Him to strive for excellence in every aspect of our lives. Whether at home or at work, our ministry is important to the Kingdom of God and should be given our best efforts.

Excellence requires hard work and setting aside selfish motivations in order to produce the best results. Pursuing excellence is easier when we work together and learn from each other. Seiler describes a workplace where the meeting rooms had glass walls as a way to break down barriers and encourage collaboration. Excellence means always finding a way to improve what we are doing, explains Seiler.

Striving for excellence can be challenging. Our world is rapidly changing and since not all change is seen as improvement it can be uncomfortable. However, stepping out in faith and taking risks can yield great results. Seiler encourages leaders to steer clear of the drift into mediocrity and pursue excellence in all we do.

Leadership priorities: Five thoughts on how we can lead better

This *Christianity Today* article outlines five ways to lead effectively. It begins with surrounding ourselves with people who can challenge us and help us to better reach our goals.

On mediocrity, excellence, and perfection

“Imperfect doesn’t mean mediocre”. Aiming for excellence does not mean achieving perfection, rather, we should do all we can to do the best we can while learning from our mistakes.

4 habits of great business leaders

Pursuing excellence requires developing a vision. The fear of failure can be intimidating but we need to “dare to go forward” and never lose sight of our goals.

Harness the power of preparation for more focus, flow and happiness

Planning is essential to the pursuit of excellence. Avoid unnecessary emergencies by “sharpening your axe” and focusing on preparation before you fall behind.

Rick Warren: What I learned from Billy

Focused, innovative, collaborative, God-directed. These are all words that describe the late

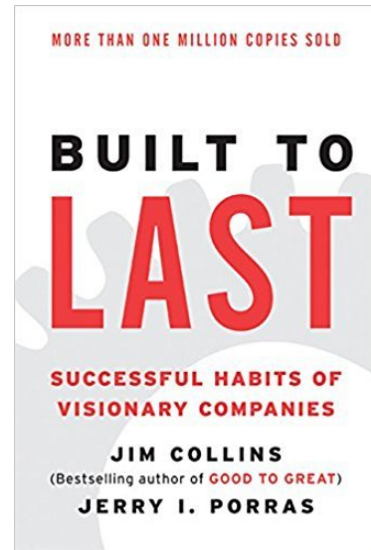
Reverend Billy Graham. His ministry has taught us how best to pursue excellence, beginning with never losing focus of our mission.

From our shelves ...

Built to Last explores timeless principles for achieving long-lasting success. Pursuing excellence begins with a vision, and Collins and Porras provide helpful insight about how to bring your vision to life.

Built to Last: Successful Habits of Visionary Companies

Jim Collins & Jerry Porras
Harper Collins (2002)



Above are articles and items in the news that we've come across that are themed to organizational leadership, values and ethics, and non-profits in general.

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