Living Above the Level of Mediocrity: A Commitment to Excellence

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“.....it is a wretched taste to be gratified with mediocrity when the excellent lies before us.”

- Isaac D’Israeli, 1834 -
Aim High!! “Live Above”

Top Priority: Romans 12:2

*God’s expectations are HIGH – Transformation!
I. Conquering mediocrity:

Need a standard: ______________

1) ____________ – replacement, reconstruction
2) ____________ – Put yourself into the pages of the Bible – “me, my, I, mine”
3) ____________ – take charge
II. Top Priority: “________ _______His kingdom and His righteousness”

A. Definition: Search, strive for, desire strongly – continuous action: keep on

B. Two questions:

1.) Is it for His Kingdom?
2.) Does it relate to His righteousness?
• III. Think ________________

Eph. 3:20 “God is able to do exceeding abundantly BEYOND all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us”

[ Extraordinary: “Going beyond what is usual, regular, customary” ]
A. Word study:

1.) I Cor. 15:58  “Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”

2.) John 10:10  “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they might have life and might have it abundantly.”
• Definition: Superabound, abundant, superior in quality, excessive/overflowing, excel

1.) I Thess. 4: 1, 10 – “….as you have received (instruction) as to how you ought to walk and please God....that you may excel still more.”

2.) “For indeed you do practice it toward the brethren....we urge you to excel still more.”
• IV. Choice: _________ Mentality vs. _________________
  Mentality
    (of 135,000 there were 120,000 slain)-300 later routed remaining 15,000
  b. Example: Jesus demonstrated the same thing in the story of feeding of the 5,000.
C. Questions:

How do we acquire an abundance mentality and get rid of the scarcity mentality?

How do we replace a scarcity mentality with an abundance mentality?
1.) Romans 12:2  God wants ________________
    (metamorphosis) radical change
    * Starts with the mind

2.) Goal: Phil 2:5  “Let this mind be in you
    which was also in Christ Jesus.”
    - it’s not a ________________
    - it’s a ________________process

I Cor. 2:16
“.....But we have the mind of Christ.”
3. Replacement Process - Isaiah 55:8-11

God’s thoughts
God’s ways

My thoughts
My ways

Rain and snow

*We begin by replacing my thoughts and ways with God’s thoughts and ways

Word doesn’t return empty
D. What’s it going to be?

Scarcity Mentality
- Conformed to the world
- My mind
- My thoughts
- My ways

Abundance Mentality
- Transformed by the renewing of your mind
- Mind of Christ
- God’s thoughts
- God’s ways

E. Memorize Meditate Move Mature

BEYOND
The End