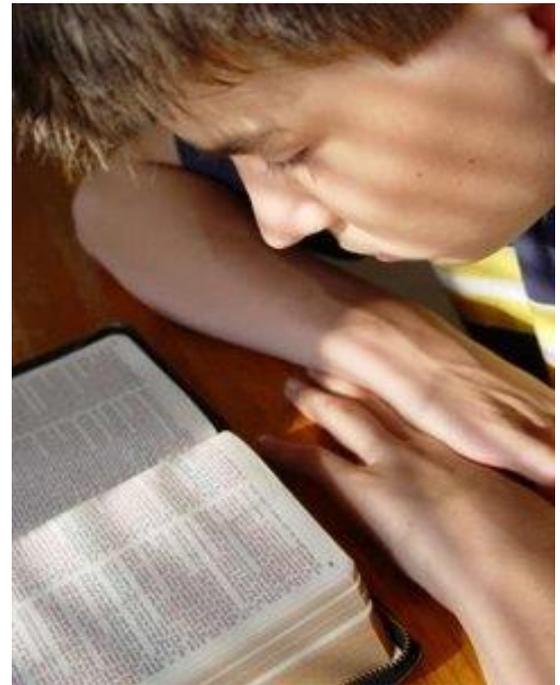


Committing Ourselves to Excellence

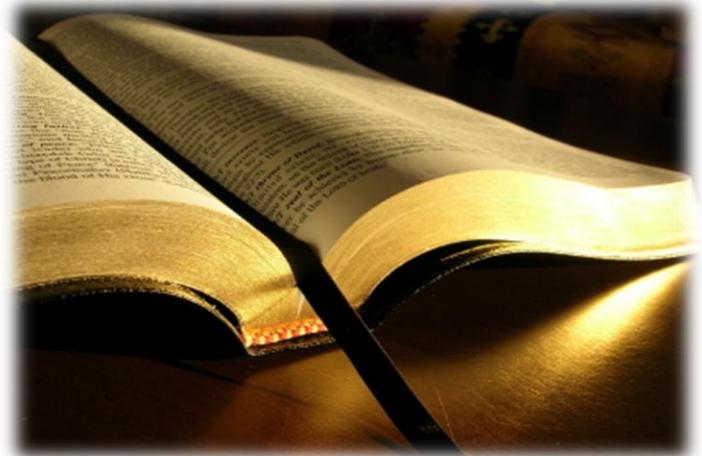
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2 Timothy 2:15



Mediocrity

- **Nothing higher than “getting by”**
 - Content with low level of quality
 - Nothing above “adequate” or “good enough”
 - Work offered is inferior
 - **Haggai 1:4**
 - **Malachi 1:8**
 - **Proverbs 3:9**



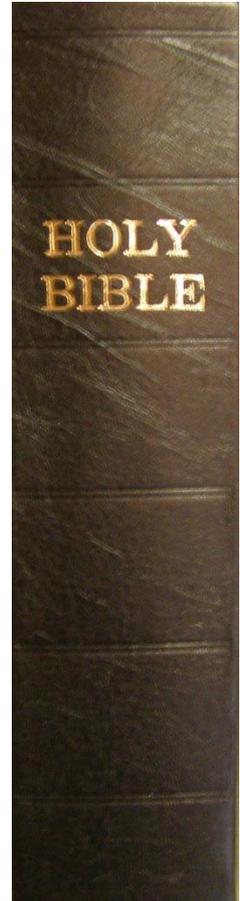
Mediocrity

“The general tendency of things throughout the world is to render mediocrity the ascendant power among mankind.” **John Stuart Mill**

- **“Mediocre”**
 - Of moderate to low quality; average or inferior
- **When we do only “what is easy” then mediocrity increases**

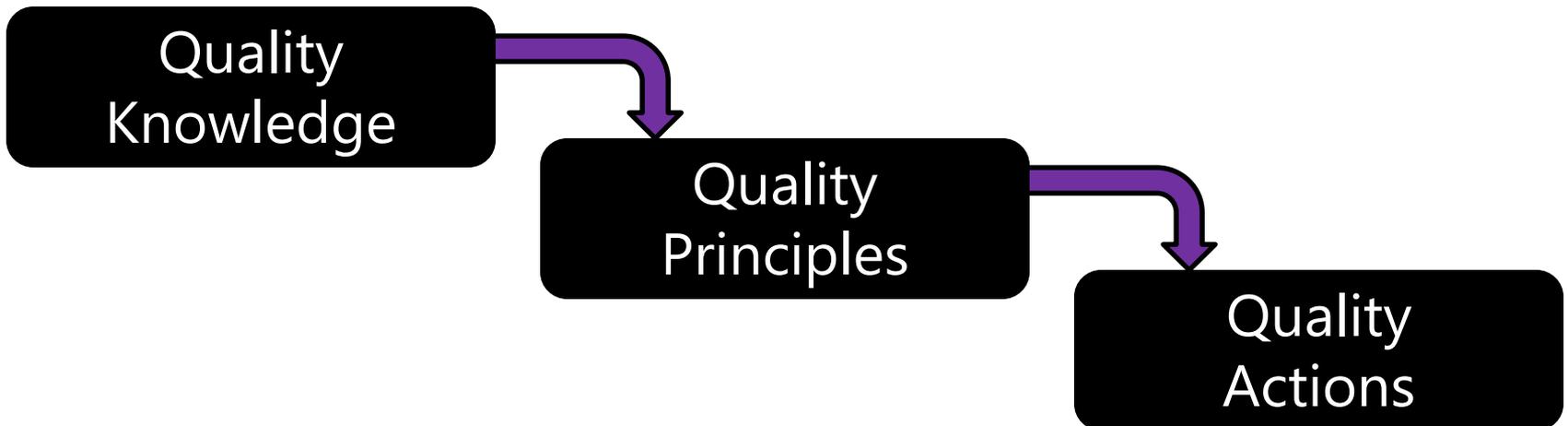
Excellence

- **We should have a commitment to excellence in ALL we do**
 - Ecclesiastes 9:10
 - Colossians 3:23-24
- **Should have a higher standard of excellence in the Lord's work**
 - 1 Corinthians 15:58
 - 2 Corinthians 9:6



Excellence

- **Take pride in our work**
 - **Galatians 6:4**
 - We have a duty to *“adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things”* (Titus 2:10)



Excellence

- **Commitment to excellence requires extra effort**

- Carefulness and hard work are required

- “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise” **Ephesians 5:15** (NKJV)

- “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” **2 Timothy 2:15** (KJV)

Conclusion

- **Strive to “give of our best” to the Master**
 - Go “beyond ordinary”
 - Strive for the “quality life”

It is not a shame to fail; it is a shame to aim low

- **Nothing but the best is good enough for the Lord who gave His life for us!**

For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live **should live no longer for themselves**, but for Him who died for them and rose again. **2 Corinthians 5:14-15**