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for the Leadership Podcast
with Rachel Ong

Excellence in Leadership

WORD

(20 MINUTES)

So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. **PSALM 90:12**

Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name." **MATTHEW 6:9**

Excellence cannot exist without a baseline, standard, or goal to measure it against. To be excellent in leadership, we need to meet the standard set for us. Jesus set this standard for every Christian and leader in the Lord's Prayer, by beginning with: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name." To be excellent in leadership is to honor God in everything we do, with Him at the center. We should *work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord we will receive the inheritance as our reward* (Colossians 3:23,24). Our motivation for a life of excellence is to honor Him, and apart from Him, our leadership will not have eternal value. In the eyes of the world, a leader can be successful and excellent, even if his or her health and family are being sacrificed. Excellent leadership that honors God, on the other hand, takes care of personal health, values family and relationships, and upholds standards of excellence at work.

In Psalm 90, Moses asks God, *teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom*. Important in living a life of excellence in leadership is the knowledge that our time is limited, and our days numbered. Equally important is knowing that it is impossible to live such a life apart from a relationship with God. This is why Moses says, *teach us*. Through reading and meditating on His Word, through seeking and obeying Him, honoring God becomes a priority. When this happens, everything else will follow. We learn to make the most of every day, valuing both people and productivity, seeking excellence by honoring God in everything we do.

DISCUSSION

(50 MINUTES)

1. How can you begin to live out excellence in leadership, in your home, campus, or workplace? How can you restructure your priorities this week to do this?
2. How can you model a life of excellence to those in your Victory group every day? How will you encourage them to be excellent and honor God with their lives this week?
3. How can your excellence win people to Christ? What specific area of your life can be used by God to win people to Him? How can you begin to live excellently in that area today?

PRAYER

(20 MINUTES)

1. Thank God for where He has placed you, in your home, campus, and workplace. Pray you will make Him the center of your life and honor Him in all that you do, in relationships, work, and daily life.
2. Pray that you would model excellence in leadership to others every day. Pray that they will be encouraged to honor God with their lives as well.
3. Pray that you and those in your Victory group will encourage others to read and meditate on the Word daily. Pray that you will build one another up in faith.



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This guide is designed to be used in leadership groups, for Victory group leaders to grow in discipleship and leadership development. The goal of these ninety-minute leadership group meetings is a discussion of the Word and its practical application as leaders.