

Being Empowered to Excel

Seeing yourself Through God's Eyes

How we can be empowered to excel when we see ourselves through God's eyes, making us do more than is required, overcoming temptations and doing what God calls us to do.

Prov 22:29

29 Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before unknown men. NKJV

Daniel 5:12 Excellent spirit

... excellent spirit, knowledge, understanding, interpreting dreams, solving riddles, and explaining enigmas were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belshazzar, now let Daniel be called, and he will give the interpretation." NKJV

Dan 11:31-33

... but the people who **KNOW** their God shall be strong, and do **GREAT EXPLOITS**.

How is the way to excellence different from that of the world?

Being empowered to excel – not this prin or law

The prin or laws may be very good, often, we don't have the ability to do or fulfil it.

One key way to be empowered – know how to see yourself as God sees you

Matt. 6:22

Your eyes are windows into your body. If you open your eyes wide in wonder and belief, your body fills up with light. MES

Why is it important to have the right vision?

God is not talking of phy eyes – sp insight

If see yourself – **loser** → loser in life

Victim → let others victimise you

Not **creative** → not going to create anything

Failure → going to be a failure

Bible: **right thinking** leads to right **living - acting**

Way we think deter – way you act

Prob: lots of wrong beliefs – false

Been to **funfare** – see funny shaped mirrors – **dark glasses**

You all kinds of distortions

Remember going to – funfairs – **fun**

mirrors – some **no fun** – **weird**

distorted picts

Any weird and distorted pictures

Growing up – all kinds of weird picts –

how peo sees us: Peers, parents, teachers (**call**)

Most teachers are good – some just

their work as work not a calling –

Many could find better pay – but

remain – becos they feel called

Some – **still seeing** of picts like that

– had 30 yrs ago

You – failure – never succeed –

stupid - useless

Key to learn to see – way God sees

Ephesians 1:18-19

18 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength.

Most impnt **message** – hear – entire life

Free you – **know** truth – set free

I. You are fully accepted by the most important person in the universe

Titus 3:7

Jesus treated us much better than we deserve. He made us acceptable to God and gave us the hope of eternal life." CEV

No 1 hurt in your life – rejection – by parent, spouse, boyfr, girlfr, classmates, teachers

What are some of the things we do to avoid rejection?

Do – everything – just to avoid rejection

From peo that we **like, don't like, respect, envy**

Drives everything you do

Kind of cloth, car, house buy, career choose

Many decisions – desire for approval-accepted

Peo – even do **crazy** things – **buy, stupid**

– buy things

I dare you do something – even stupid – did it – not becos wanted – accepted, appear **COOL, HIP**

We believing a **Myth** – if I do this that – peo will accept – **Mask** – be like this that – **story** – trying to be somebody you are not

Story of wo – died – 40 yrs – stay 2 months – major plastic surgery, come out of hospital – acci – died – why – I couldn't recog you.

Truth - No one perfect – no **peo** perf

Truth – **even if perf** – people won accept – why – even if perf – people wont accept

Jesus – God – ... only a **fool** do what God cant do

Jesus – perf – yet despised and rejected

One minute – a accept you – b upset

Even God can't please everybody – one pray for rain – sunshine

Only a fool would do what God cant even do

Prob: Some – **unpleasant** peo – auth figures: uncles, parents, HMs, teachers, pastors

No matter what did – wont get

approval – see it in his eyes – say

C – expect B, A – expect

No matter how hard tried – won get approval

Today – unconsciously – still **striving** to **gain** approval

I am going to **prove** – worth something
Some even death already

Two truths that will set you free:

What Biblical truths will set you free from the drive to receive approval?

When we are rejected by any people - **The problem is not with you – it is with them**

They didn't accept – shows – they – immature

ANDREW VALDEZ - Single parent home – sell newspaper – 1960 – main street - Jack Keller

– joking –cloth, race, different, - Jack – don't worry about them – you don't have a prob – they have a prob

They didn't see worth in themselves – hurt

Hurting peo - hurt people

Stop **striving** get approval – who is **never** going to give it – their **hangups**

Live for God who says – I already accepted you

You don't need approval from such people to be happy

esp their own hang-ups

– not abt you

Att – God loves me and I like me – if you don't – your prob

God knows everything about me – good bad ugly – still likes me

Ps. 27:10

Even if my mother and father forsake me, the Lord will receive me. NIV

Don't need – **strife** - peo accept you – **already**

Titus 3:5-7a

God saved us – not because we were good enough to be saved but because of His kindness and grace – by washing away our sins ... all because of what Jesus Christ our Savior did, **so that He could declare us good in God's eyes.** (LB)

No matter what done – how many things **done wrong**

God loves you – precious – becos of chr

Prodigal son – courage to go back – realise still son

Cannot be **more** accepted today or less than today – based on grace

1 Pet. 2:9 *You have been chosen by God Himself.* LB

Remember – as kids – like to be **chosen**

– prefect, sit in a committee

Self esteem – valued

But look who has chosen you

Look who chosen? **God - No higher auth** that that one

Child, loved, live w him for ever

What happen when we know we are accepted and chosen?

Do **more**
Luke 19:8

Cf. Exodus 22

Pay back double – 4 times

I. You are valuable

You are not just acceptable – really worth something – infact – a lot

Luke 12:24

Look at the birds. They don't need to plant or harvest or put food in barns because God feeds them. And you are far more valuable to Him than any birds! NLT

Ask – how much are you worth

Not rich, talent

What makes something valuable

How do we know we are valuable in God's eyes?

Who owns it

Owner creates the value

If some famous owns something – even very **ord** – shoe, jacket,

Mic Jordan's shoe, Mic Jackson's jacket

1 John 4:4 *You belong to God...* NIV

You **belong to God** – you don't get any **bigger** than that

What is somebody willing to pay for it?

What's your house worth – not what you think – what somebody willing to pay for it

Market determines – value

1 Cor. 7:23 *You have been bought and paid for by Christ, so you belong to Him ...* LB

Paid for by the greatest ransom ever – in hist

Love so much – **rather die** than live without you

See yourself **junks** – **insult** to God

Truth – Jesus didn't died for junks – you not junks

CROSS – proof of your worth

Isa. 43:4 *God says, 'You are precious to Me.* GN

Growing up – people say – useless worthless – **lies**

You are of **infinite** value

How does knowing you are precious help you overcome temptations?

Wont give in to **jerks** that say

– why don't you allow me to touch me – after all you love me

If you love me – wont touch me – if you have million dollar apart

Fred **Craddick** – holiday in Tennessee

I. You are deeply loved

John 3:16

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Notice – didn't say – peo beautiful, intelligent, cool, spiritual, perfect

Isa. 54:10

Not your **performance** – char – **just say**

Just say – I love you – mine – made you – save you – bought you – want you with me

Not **ask** – **pray** enough – **do** enough
God never **more** than what he does now – less

Love – consistent and unconditional

Why **impt** know this

Why is it important to know and receive God's love?

Get into **trouble** – doubt God's love

Adam – think God withholding

something – hence, disobey God's commandments

We will not be able to do what God says when we doubt his love

When we doubt what he has our best interest at heart – that when he tells us to do certain things – it is for our benefits and not to withhold joy or pleasures from us

2 Cor. 6:14 *Do not unite yourself with an unbeliever; they are not fit mates for you.* NEB

Don't marry **unB**

No total **oneness** – too **impt**

Marriage is too **IMPORTANT** matter to take risk

Making a great risk – worst than gambling

You don't only lost money – life affected

Prob arise – diff **value** sys; no **security**

Eg. How raise kids – time – finance

There is no **security** in the relationship.

need God kind of love – give stability

No sex **outside** of ma – ignore – God keeping good- **50**

Over 50 **secular** studies – premarital sex inc likelihood of divorce

Proverbs 24:27

27 Finish your outdoor work and get your fields ready; after that, build your house.

27 Develop your business first before building your house. TLB

Est career first, study hard

Studies shown – hooked up too early – not happy – even if married – sometimes, out of guilt. Changes – when working – exposed to more opportunities.

Priority during teenage years

– know God's **purpose** – dev char – study –not BGR

God's mandate

- prepare for adulthood - maturing

- time to study not go into BGR

Build a good career first -

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