

learning to lead

THROUGH SURRENDER

Excellence through Surrender!

Positive Mental Attitude is a great thing and makes life better. But, the purpose of life is not to be better. It is to be excellent! When we surrender to an excellent Lord, he makes our fruit excellent.

Jesus describes himself as the vine. He describes disciples as the branches. The power of a plant does not come from the branches...it comes from the vine.

This is the heart of our Lord. He wants to give, and give, and give. But, he does not just give...he gives the finest. The purpose of the vine is to bear fruit. The glory of the vine is when fruit is born. The heart of the vine is to give. The branches can always depend on an abundant supply of power and nutrition because it is connected to the vine. When the branch is cut off because of unbelief, the only thing left is death. The dead branches are piled up and burned.

Excellent Faith!

I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, "move from here to there" and it will move. Matthew 17:20

Excellent Provision!

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Matthew 7:26

Excellent Fruit!

A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Matthew 7:18

The excellent Position

Jesus call the twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all". Mark 9:35

Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. I Cor. 9:19

When we submit to Jesus we put ourselves in excellent position. We think we know what we need, but Jesus does know what we need. With this assurance the pressure is off. We do not have to be concerned about what we eat or wear...these things will be supplied.

When will we believe that we are truly in the preferred position?

Jesus is our excellence!