

## Today, I Choose to Excel!

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Average people can do extraordinary things!

"Whoever I am or whatever I am doing, some kind of excellence is within my reach."

—JOHN W. GARDNER

"... it is a wretched taste to be gratified with mediocrity when the excellent lies before us." —ISAAC D'ISRAELI, 1834

*By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.* HEBREWS 11:7

### SECRETS TO A LIFE THAT EXCELS

#### Perceive More to Achieve More

"... things not seen..."

Too many are limited in life by what they see!

The secret to excellence is vision.

#### Put Your Heart in What You Do

"... moved with godly fear..."

*And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.* COLOSSIANS 3:17 (NKJV)

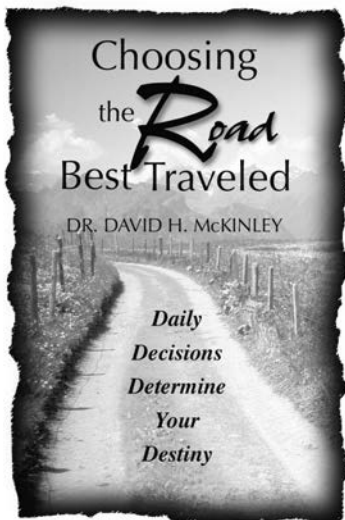
*Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.* COLOSSIANS 3:17 (The Message)

Key Word: PASSION

#### Prepare For Tomorrow Today

"... prepared an ark..."

Is your life strategy *preparation* or *completion*?



Life is a leaf of paper white  
Whereon each one of us may write  
His word or two, and then comes the night.  
Great begin! Though thou have time  
But for a line, but that sublime—  
Nor failure, low aim, is crime.

—JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL

#### Persevere in the Face of Resistance

"... condemned the world..."

"Excellence is never cheap. It is costly. Constant care, serious preparation, and continual application are required. Excellence involves desire plus discipline and tenacity of purpose."

—GEORGE SWEETING

*You've all been to the stadium and seen the athletes race. Everyone runs; one wins. Run to win. All good athletes train hard. They do it for a gold medal that tarnishes and fades. You're after one that's gold eternally. I don't know about you, but I'm running hard for the finish line. I'm giving it everything I've got. No sloppy living for me! I'm staying alert and in top condition. I'm not going to get caught napping, telling everyone else all about it and then missing out myself.*

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27

#### Purpose to Please an Audience of One

"... heir of righteousness which is according to faith..."

Pursue excellence!

Excellence in all things and all things to the glory of God!