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Foreword

Excellence is one of the most misunderstood pursuits of our generation. Many desire it, few define it correctly, and even fewer commit to the discipline it demands. In this timely and deeply practical teaching, *What Makes a Man Excellent*, Bishop David Abioye brings clarity to this timeless subject with striking simplicity and spiritual depth.

This book is not merely a motivational discourse; it is a Kingdom blueprint for distinction.

With precision and insight, Bishop Abioye reveals that excellence is not accidental, neither is it a gift reserved for a select few. It is the outcome of deliberate pursuit, continuous learning, disciplined practice, and the cultivation of an excellent spirit. Through scriptural examples like Daniel and even the earthly life of Jesus Christ, this message establishes a powerful truth: spirituality does not replace responsibility, and divine destiny still demands personal development.

At LivingSermons.com, our commitment remains preserving and amplifying Kingdom voices for generations to come. This message by Bishop David Abioye is one of such treasures—rich in wisdom, practical in application, and transformational in impact.

As you turn these pages, may you be stirred to embrace learning, pursue mastery, and cultivate the excellent spirit required for your next level. May this book awaken in you the hunger to become all that God designed you to be.

Your journey to excellence begins with the decision to go beyond average. And that decision begins now.

— ***Wisdom Epsi***
Chief Editor, LivingSermons.com

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Introduction

Wonderful friends, brothers, and sisters—great day to you, I believe, or wonderful evening or night, as the case may be. Whatever time it is where you are, it remains my joy to have you as part of the audience God has given me the honour and privilege to speak to across the globe.

We have been receiving testimonies from people concerning the blessings they have contacted through this privilege platform, and I am glad and deeply honoured to serve you by sharing deep thoughts with you at all times—motivating you and moving you forward.

But may I remind you: you may have a thousand people inspiring you, but you will never have a second person apart from yourself who keeps aspiring.

No matter how many people inspire you, they are not more than one per cent of what makes you. It is your aspiration—your pursuit—that crowns the inspiration you receive from others.

Excellence Is an Attitude

In rating people generally, for instance in academic circles, you have people rated as poor. You have some fair, average, good, very good—but the peak of it all is *excellent*.

Everybody desires to become excellent, but there is a price to pay for it. What makes an excellent performance is the extra input that individuals make. You cannot go above average while maintaining an average attitude. Excellence is not a state; it is an attitude.

Once you meet an excellent person, he wants to do everything excellently. He does not stop where others stop. Where others put a full stop, he turns it into a comma and adds to it. So, what makes a man excellent is a function of the things he adds to his life that others do not bother to add. He takes time to cross the “t” and dot the “i”. He goes through what he does, seeking areas of improvement.

God Created Man for Excellence

By creation, God intends for everyone to live an excellent life because that is His nature. When He created man, He said:

“Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...”

(Genesis 1:26, KJV)

What is His image? What is His likeness?

His image is excellence. His name is excellent. His works are excellent.

“O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!”

(Psalm 8:1, KJV)

He created us with the intention that we should excel in life. That is why everything about God is perfect. Excellence means to be perfect, to be faultless, to be next to none. That is what God wants for you and me.

Expertise: The Vital Key to Excellence

As we go into the marketplace, we discover among other things that a vital key to excellence is expertise.

Those who excel in any field of life are considered experts. That is why people say:

This person is an expert in engineering.

An expert in medicine.

An expert in bridge construction.

An expert in IT.

An expert in television production.

An expert in the market.

An expert in speaking.

It is expertise that announces excellence. Those who excel in any field simply stand out and are addressed as experts.

The Two Foundations of Expertise

Expertise is not a gift to be wished for. No matter how an average student wishes to excel or become an expert, he cannot wish it into existence. It is neither a virtue to be assumed. Expertise is the product of two things:

1. Skill Acquisition Through Learning

You must become a learner.

2. Development Through Practice

Acquire the skill through learning, then develop what you have acquired through consistent practice.

Acquisition and development—these are the pathways to mastery.

The Example of Benjamin Franklin

In contemporary history, we have heard of great names like George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Benjamin Franklin. It is recorded that some of these men had no complete formal education. As a matter of fact, Benjamin Franklin was said to have had only two years of formal education. For whatever reason, he could not continue. He became a bookbinder. But what did he do?

There was no book brought to him for binding that he would not delay—because he would take time to read it. He was a self-developer.

- He became a philosopher.
- He became a great diplomat.
- He became an inventor of many things.

How?

Acquisition of knowledge. Development of self. Exercise of self. These are the things that lead a man to become an expert, which ultimately announces him as an excellent person.

Learning Is the Path to Excellence

Learning is a pathway to excellence. The first time we hear of an excellent person in Scripture was in the days of Daniel.

“There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods...”

(Daniel 5:11, KJV)

Daniel was recognised because he had an excellent spirit. Then in the next chapter:

“Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him...”

(Daniel 6:3, KJV)

The king set up departments in the kingdom, and among the leaders was Daniel. Daniel excelled among them. He became superior. He became their head. But the root of that excellence was in chapter one. Daniel and his covenant companions followed the path to excellence. They went to school but they excelled above all the other students because they were doing something extra.

They connected with a higher level of enlightenment. If you read from Daniel 1:4 and then verses 17–20, you will discover that none could compete with them. As a matter of fact, they were ten times better than the others.

They excelled. They were not in the same class as the others.

Spirituality Is Not a Substitute for Learning

Keep acquiring knowledge by learning. Keep exercising yourself. Dare what others cannot do. Take a step ahead of others. That is the way to remove barriers from your life.

It is those who seek to learn that will certainly rise to lead. What a better example than Jesus Himself. We must understand that spirituality is never a substitute for learning in the pursuit of excellence.

Jesus walked strongly in the Spirit. The Spirit of God was upon Him. Yet that did not replace wisdom, which is key to excellence.

“And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.”

(Luke 2:46, KJV)

Jesus was an accustomed learner. And in the end, He became an acclaimed leader. Excellence is the mark of distinction. It is the proof that you are operating at a higher level.

Keep Learning, Keep Excelling

To ignore learning is to be denied excellence. If you do not want to be denied excellence, keep learning. Where others have stopped should be where you begin.

- Keep moving.
- Keep learning.
- Keep engaging.
- Keep acquiring.

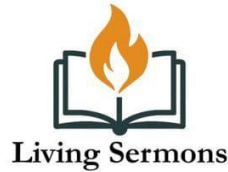
Learn from everything you see. Learn from everyone that comes your way. Books create for me the greatest excitement in life. I cannot see books without opening them. If I do not read, I at least glance through them.

Whatever it is, I do something to move forward. Learning is key to excellence. I can see you excelling in all areas of your life because that is what God has intended for you.

See you at the top.

And I am waiting to hear good news from you.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



About the Speaker

David Abioye is a respected Nigerian cleric and the Global Lead Pastor of the Living Word Conquerors Global Assembly.

He is widely recognised for his decades of faithful service in ministry and his long-standing role within one of Africa's most influential church movements. He previously served as the First Vice-President of the Living Faith Church Worldwide (Winners' Chapel), where he contributed significantly to leadership, teaching, and the expansion of the ministry's global reach.

His ministerial journey is also marked by a notable season of loyal stewardship under his lifelong mentor, David Oyedepo. This mentorship has shaped both his doctrinal foundation and leadership expression, reflecting a legacy of faithfulness, structure, and kingdom expansion.

Through his teachings, he remains a consistent voice of wisdom to the Body of Christ, particularly on matters of spiritual growth, leadership development, and sustainable kingdom success.

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