

Come As You Are (CAYA) Service
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Living an Extraordinary Life - From Good to Great

You never know someone until they get angry. How they deal with anger is an indication of how they will deal with you.

QUESTION: What are your passions and pet peeves?

Daniel had a spirit of excellence. God has not called us to be mediocre.

We have been built for excellence but we often settle.

Matthew 5:14-16

[14] "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

[15] Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

[16] In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

We are the light of the world, set upon a hill, performers of works that point to Gods glory.

Our lives in Christ need to be extraordinary. Extraordinary does not mean wealthy or well known.

Most people in life are:

- Just trying to make it
- Lack peace and joy
- Searching for satisfaction in the wrong place
- Unhappy
- Fake
- Insecure

Extraordinary is not any of these things. You can't be anointed and ordinary. Because you are extraordinary you can't fit in every environment. There are some places you can't go anymore and you shouldn't want to go.

6 Qualities of extraordinary people

1. Develop the discipline of prayer-Acts 9:11. Set aside time to pray, not just when in crisis or you need to
2. Strengthen your emotional regulation- you have no self control. You move on feelings that move you to action -> anger to action. Control your emotions. Be angry and sin not. Be jealous but cool. The devil wants you to sin.
3. Be discriminating about who you allow into your inner circle. Jesus has the multitudes, the twelve, but he had three Peter, Paul and John. If you have three you're doing well. Some people we keep close because of what we have revealed to them. We often keep people who will cover us from sin

but not who will keep us from sinning. We don't want what we have told repeated. The criteria for determining who should be in your inner circle: 1. Does God speak to them? 2. Do I believe that God can speak to me through them?

4. Define the agenda for your life-Neh 6:1-4 Everyone will have an agenda for you, but what will bring you the greatest return? Look at the Praeto principal 80/20 rule. 80% of business will come from 20% of clients. Don't sacrifice the least of things. Good is the enemy of great.

5. Live with courage and faith- Often we Lament the ideal and don't deal with the real. We are caught up in perfection. Acknowledge where you are and where you are going in life. Admit where you are and have faith that there's something greater. Have the courage to be honest with yourself. What are you core beliefs in life? By now you should know what they are.

- a. God is real
- b. God hears my prayers
- c. God will not let me fail


6. Completely surrender to God-John 15:4,5

Whatever area in your life is unsurrendered to God is uninhabited by God. This is where the devil knows your weakness. When God is changing you:

- a. He blesses- It had to be God
- b. He blocks you and you realize it could have been another way if it wasn't for God.
- c. He breaks you- You will be hurt by a relationship or your heart will be broken
When you are fully surrendered, you will be disturbed by people that are not fully surrendered and they will be disturbed by you.

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