

# HOW TO BE EXCEPTIONAL IN AN AVERAGE WORLD

Session 1 – 9/8/05

YOUR CONSISTENCY IN MAINTAINING  
THE MUNDANE

## 1. The Status of Perserverance in the 90's

- + The historic example of two competitors:  
The \_\_\_\_\_  
The \_\_\_\_\_
- + What kind of race do people prefer to run?  
The glamour of the \_\_\_\_\_  
The grind of the \_\_\_\_\_
- + If you're really "street-smart", you'll:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- + The "pop" approach:  
Success through \_\_\_\_\_  
The proven approach:  
Success through \_\_\_\_\_
- + One of management's challenges in the 90's:  
Creating an environment that  
encourages people to \_\_\_\_\_
- + What we really need:  
A resurgence of \_\_\_\_\_  
among personnel  
**Perseverance:** the act of continuing a  
course of action in spite of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- + The best way for a young man who is without  
friends or influence to begin is:  
1. Get a \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Keep his \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Be \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Make his employer think he would be  
\_\_\_\_\_ without him  
6. Be \_\_\_\_\_

**Russell Sage** – 1816-1906  
*Financier and Philanthropist*

## 2. The Nature of Perseverance for the Christian:

- Genesis 6:9-7:1*
- + Begin with an emphasis on \_\_\_\_\_  
*Genesis 6:9-10*
- + Make sure you understand the big \_\_\_\_\_  
*Genesis 6:11-13*
- + Clarify the \_\_\_\_\_ you have been  
asked to complete  
*Genesis 6:14-17, 19-21*
- + Understand why your \_\_\_\_\_ is  
critical to the mission  
*Genesis 6:18*
- + Perform your task until \_\_\_\_\_  
*Genesis 6:22-7:1*

*Interesting aside:* What was God doing  
while Noah hammered?

"...long ago when God waited  
patiently in the days of Noah while  
the ark was being built."

*1 Peter 3:20*

## 3. The Practice of Perseverance in the Office:

- + *Resolution:*  
I will become exceptional by \_\_\_\_\_  
my assignment in the company without  
allowing myself to view the task as  
\_\_\_\_\_ or beneath me.
- + How can you ensure your success in  
persevering?  
a. Be a part of a company whose mission  
statement you \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Make sure your job description is an  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the company's  
expectations of you.  
c. Clarify the \_\_\_\_\_ of the tasks that  
are entrusted to your care.  
d. Commit yourself to the position and the  
tasks on the strength of their \_\_\_\_\_  
to the overall mission of the enterprise.

## 4. Summary

- + Exceptional Trait: \_\_\_\_\_
- + Theme Verse: I Corinthians \_\_\_\_\_
- + Example: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Genesis* \_\_\_\_\_
- + Quote: "moments in life of hard, glorious  
running; but we have days and years  
of walking – the uneventful  
discharge of small duties."  
*Alexander MacLaren*

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