

Life Management

Defining Success Beyond the Marketplace

Session Two

ELEMENT

Excellence

ESSENCE

By performing to your full potential, you will exceed the expectations imposed by those who live to limit others to credential-level living.

EXAMPLE

The person who never excels never has to answer the critics who want to challenge their competence based on their background. As Jesus Christ exploded onto the scene, the action became intense. Consider His situation:

1. His thorough preparation.

Luke 2:39-40, 52

2. His exemplary performance.

Mark 1:21-22

3. His critical denouncements:

- By the family

Mark 3:20-21, 31-32

- By the community

Mark 6:1-3

- By the leaders

John 8:48-49, 52-53

4. His final appraisals:

- By His competitors

Mark 12:13-14

- By His judge

Luke 23:13-15

- By His followers

John 1:11-14

EMPLOYMENT

People want to be able to explain away excellence by pointing to education, or upbringing, or circumstances as the reason for personal achievement. Expectations are created in a biased laboratory by the community, and then imposed on people who then live suppressed lives. Excellence hinges on escaping expectations.

On a 10 point scale, what kind of performance do most people expect from you because of your resume'?