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*You are welcome to the house of empowerment, which is built for you to be built, which is the tower of security and continuity into excellence in all calling and endeavours. Not all that face war comes back home to tell the story, not all on assignment finishes it or get accomplished, not all business people hits their target, not all minister of the gospel can boldly declare that they are accomplished, no not all. Every calling and endeavours has a tag of excellence on it but not all get to the level of excellence, for all men on earth, all children of God everywhere on the earth today to be fully accomplished. This Voices from Zion is written titled: **Excellence In Your Endeavours.** 2 Timothy 4:5 **But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.***

The word excellence simply represents a level above the best. That means everyone on earth can go beyond their best into excellence. Calling is divine assignment while endeavours represent vocation (business engagements) which everyone on earth today must at least have one. Your endeavours need the following if you must succeed in it:

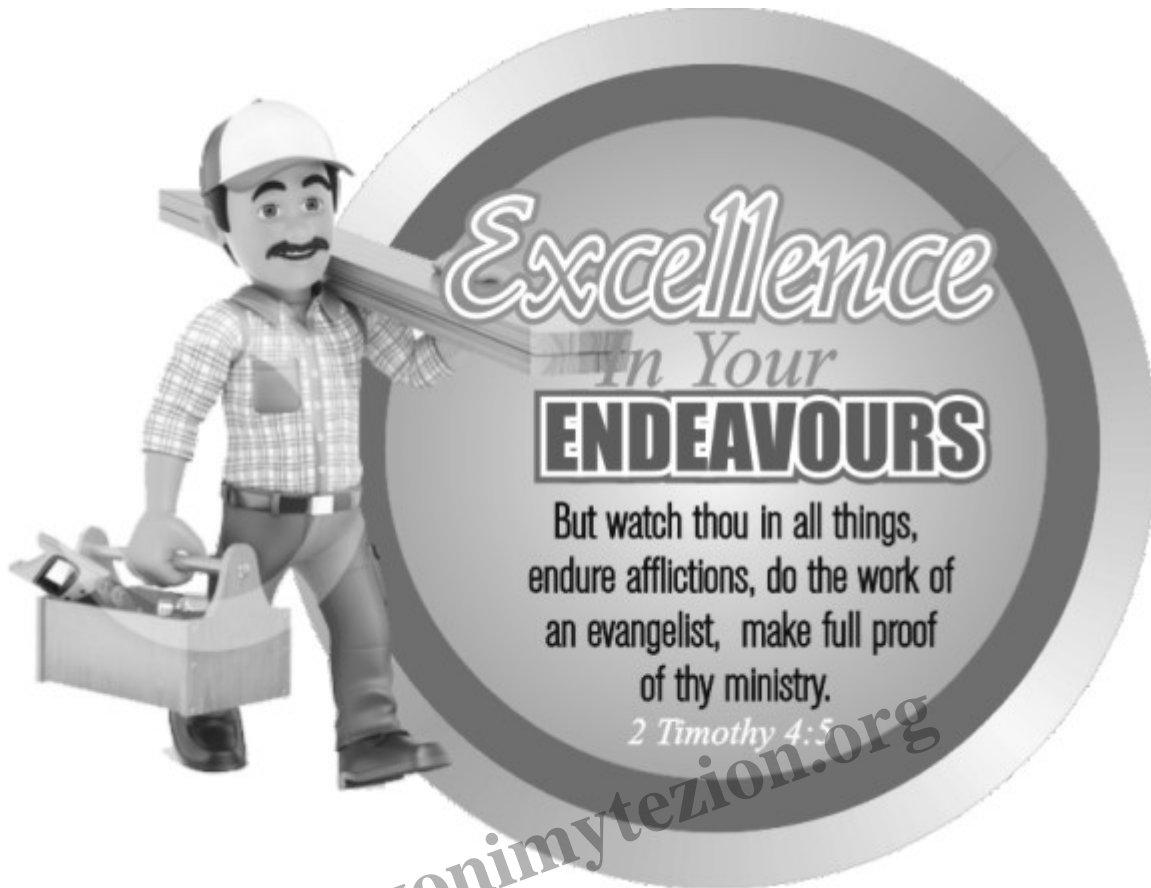
1. **It Needs Your Attention:** if you don't give attention to your calling or business or even talent or gifting, hardly will you dig into the honey loaded into it. You can't be the best in it 'let alone' coming to the position of excellence. Jesus is at work here today in your life. Solomon the wise in Proverb 22:29 says in

*Proverb 22:29 **Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.** This can be re-rendered this way [seest thou a man that gives attention to his business? He shall be called by kings and not mean men] if you must grow and become famous in your vocation, give it more attention.*

2. **It's Your Life:** treat your business same way as you would treat yourself. Until your calling becomes the reason you are living, you will not stop taking chances. No man will open his eyes in front of someone splashing or sprinkling grounded pepper.

No one will watch trailer overrun him, men do everything within their capacity and ability to escape impending danger, same way we should treat our endeavours, and we mustn't allow it to slip out of our hands. If you don't hold it tight it can't stay longer with you. Treat your vocation as your life, when you do, you will risk your life for it, this is what our Lord Jesus said in *Mathew 16:24-25* **Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. *For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.** He took his life in his hands to get accomplished in his calling. A pastor or minister of the gospel that is afraid of preaching because of threats cannot go far because most times the death you are afraid of is coming behind you, why not go forward and go through.

3. **Live On It:** yes you have to, let's read this scripture Luke 8: 1-3 **And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him, *And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, *And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.** a minister of the gospel that is running business along with his calling will be behind many others that had gone full time. 'Jesus left (carpentry) shop and he never went back'. That same Jesus can help you in your vocation and it will produce all you need and give you social relevance among men if you receive him today. More so those who lived on their vocation won't allow it to be destroyed because their earnings tied to it. Live on it, Amen!



4. **Make It Better:** Nobody can get better if he or she is not open to development, when you develop yourself you will appear in a better and new way and command greater impact and respect. If you take where you are as the ultimate with time you will be tagged not fit and no matter your spiritual capacity you will not be needed. There are men of God who learnt other languages so that they can gain more people(audience), there are businessmen who went back to school to study more to stay in front-line of their kind of business. Learning is a must if you must get better.

It's also noted that some pose to be stronger than knowledge as-in they counted what anyone is teaching them as not needed or inferior, but if you can think deep; you will come to discover that you need to bend to learn. Also we should know how to separate treasure from junks, we need to know who to learn from and those not to give attention. We shouldn't turn against the right knowledge loaded with what our life and career needed.

Let's read *Proverbs 4:1, 18 Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding., *But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Proverbs 8:10-11. All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them. *They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge. *Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. *For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.* The four listed point above can guide any man or woman to be the best in his vocation or calling but if you must get to the level of excellence you must heed this scripture *2 Timothy 4:5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.*

But watch thou in all things... Be watchful, not sleepy. Don't take it easy with any man or group of people that want to shift you from your calling, watch because Bible says in Jeremiah 17:9 and verse 10 says ***The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? *I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.*** So you have to watch against snipers. If you need security guard men, go get them. Be watchful otherwise some insignificant people and things can destroy your business or kill you. Watch in board meetings because some of the points raised, the suggestions and idea given are waiting for your conclusion to sign your end yourself. Be careful with confidants. There should be difference in between home and business, business issues should not be always taken to the bedroom watch! Watch!! Watch!!! The Bible in Mark 13:33 says ***And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.*** This scripture ***But watch thou in all things,***... which can also be rendered this way [take heed, watch and fight, for ye know not the evil they have planned against you]

endure afflictions,... yes you have to, sometimes the government policy may not favour your business, and you have to endure, pray and hope for the change. Sometimes you may need to cut down on some expenses or deny yourself some right to go ahead into excellence. Most importantly your product may be attacked; your name or the name of your brand may be ridiculed and persecuted or rejected. Don't worry yourself just endure the afflictions; remember your business is your life. Hebrew 12:2 ***Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*** There shall be a way out in Jesus name. If affliction is endured it leads to addition.



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do the work of an evangelist... no matter what a missionary suffer most of them don't detach from the course to which they are sent, So keep pushing it. Keep at it, if the Apostles had stopped because of tyrants in their days, Christians won't be where it is today. Infact, one of them says: Act 4:18 – 21 ***And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. * But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. *For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. *So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done.*** Excellence is waiting ahead. Lastly in that scripture:

make full proof of thy ministry... that when you left this world and sleep on into eternity, your work on earth will keep speaking. So many servants of God make full prove of their ministry in the Bible, such as Enoch, Abraham, Elijah, David, Daniel, Paul The Apostle and even our Lord Jesus Christ. You can join the list.

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