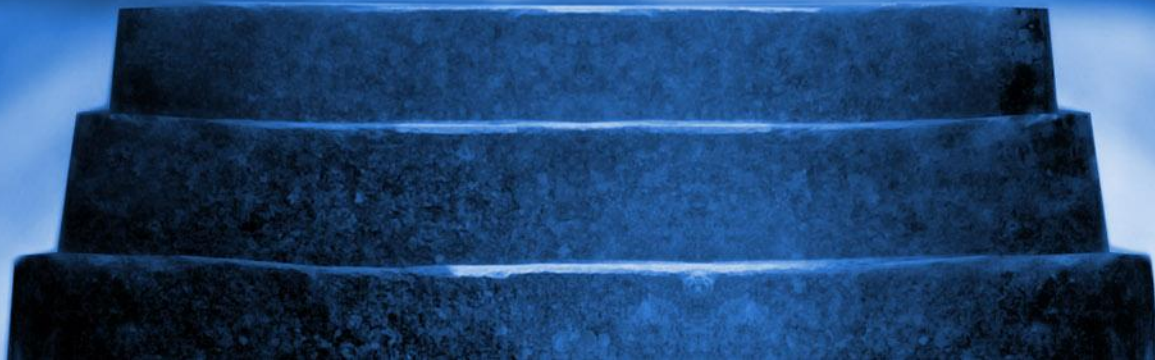


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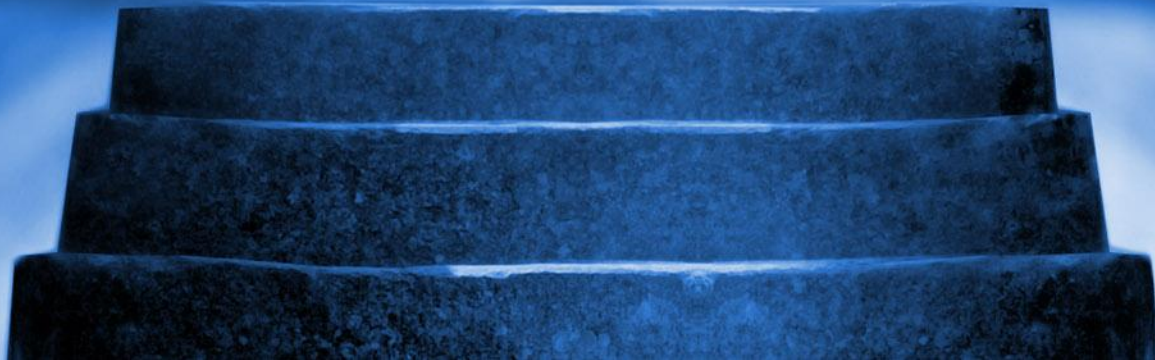
IT HAS TO BE GOOD!



What makes it so good?



Go the second mile!



Excellence is:

Going beyond the minimum

Doing more than what is fair.

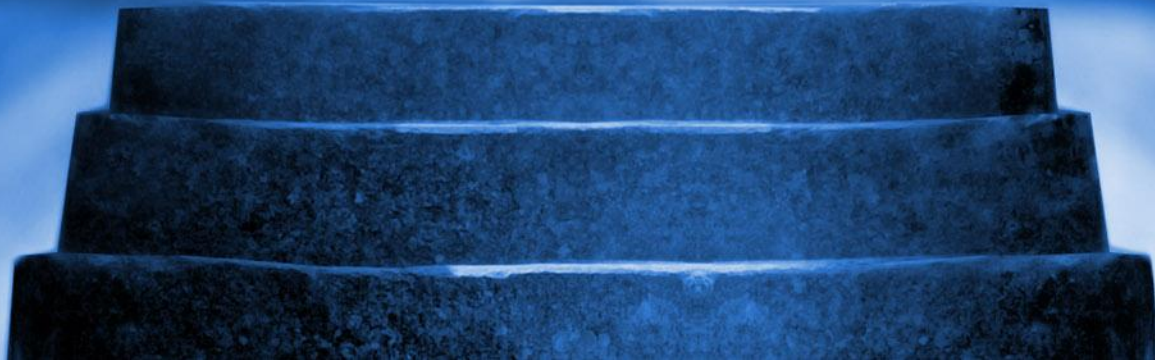
GO THE SECOND

MILE

MATTHEW 5:38-42

Isaac Israeli

“It is a wretched waste to be satisfied with mediocrity when excellence lies before us.”



Phil 1:9-11

“I pray that your love will abound more and more in real knowledge and discernment so that you may **approve the things that are excellent!**”



***STEPPING INTO . . .
GREATNESS***

Think Great Thoughts

STEPPING IN TO . . . GREATNESS

Pursue Great People

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Pursue Great Dreams!

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Pursue Excellence Always!

Welcome from the Kirkland church family!

“Born to belong to each other”



September 8, 2013

You are invited to a special, informative and inspirational lesson on:
The Spiritual Significance of the Birth of Jesus

When was Jesus actually born? What is the real significance of the visit of the wise men? Why did Jesus receive gold, frankincense and myrrh? Why was it crucial that he be born of a virgin?

Dec 22 at 10:30 a.m.

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Tonight at 5:00 p.m.



Sean Timberlake & Mike Pruitt will role play



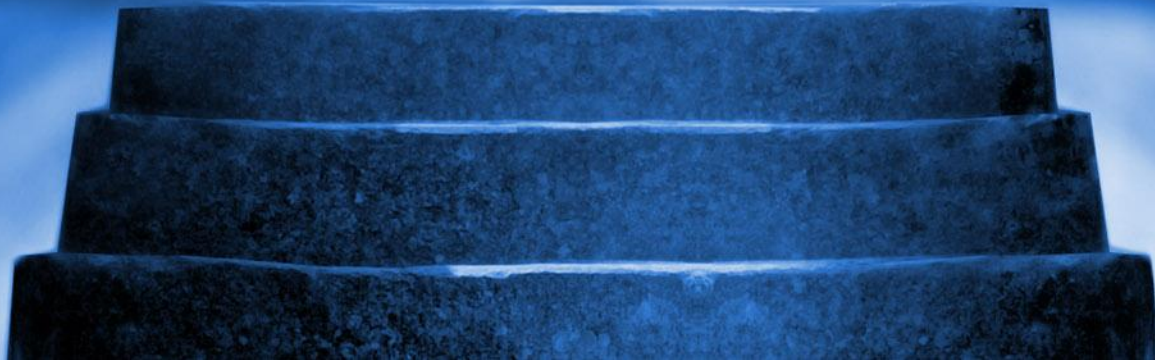
The Standard, goal, motive & focus

5 Key Passages

Illustration of Excellence

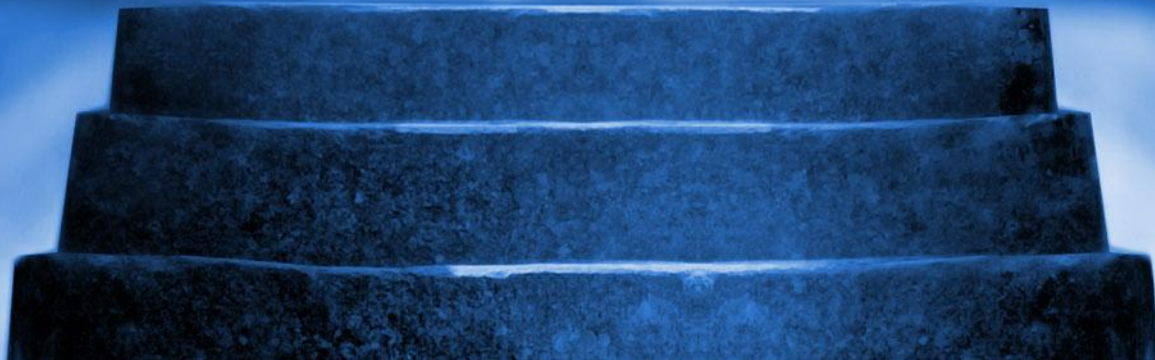
What is the standard?

GOD ALMIGHTY!



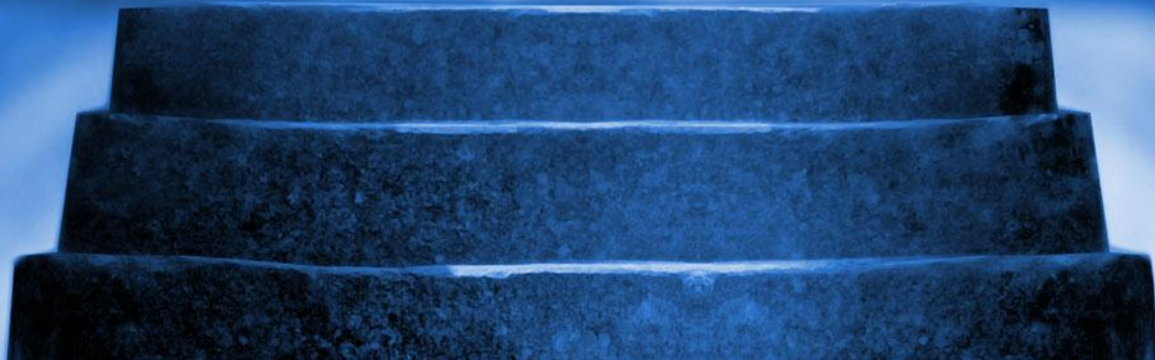
What is the basis?

His Revealed Truth!



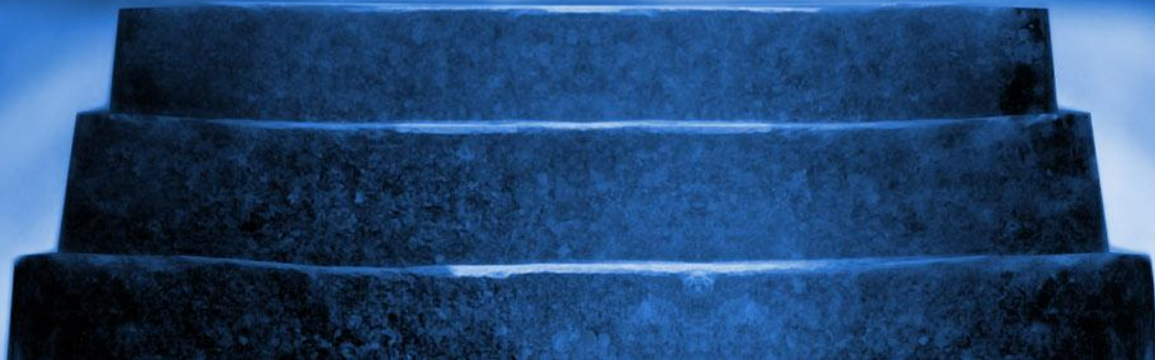
What is the motive?

His **GLORY!**



EXCELLENCE IS ALL ABOUT GOD

- Ps 8:1 “How excellent is Your name!”
- Ps 150:2 “Praise Him acc. to His excellent greatness!”



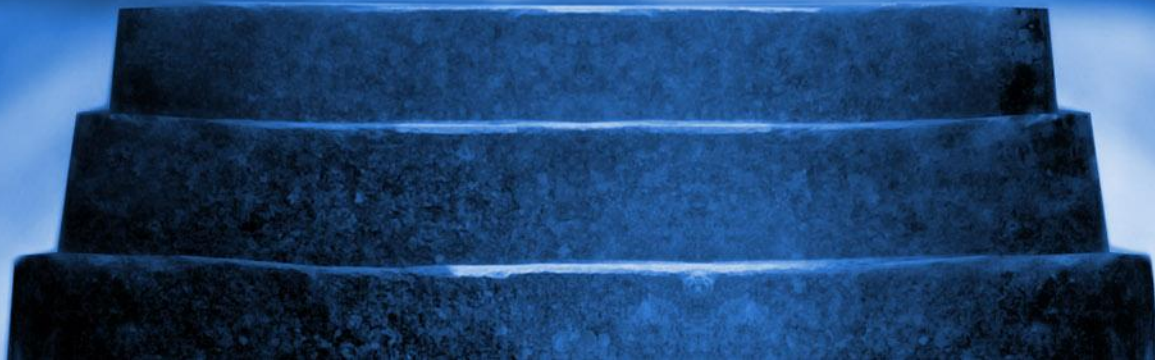
What is the model?

- **GOD'S SON: JESUS!**
- **Heb 1:4 'More excellent name.'**
- **Heb 8:6 "More excellent ministry."**

What is the goal?

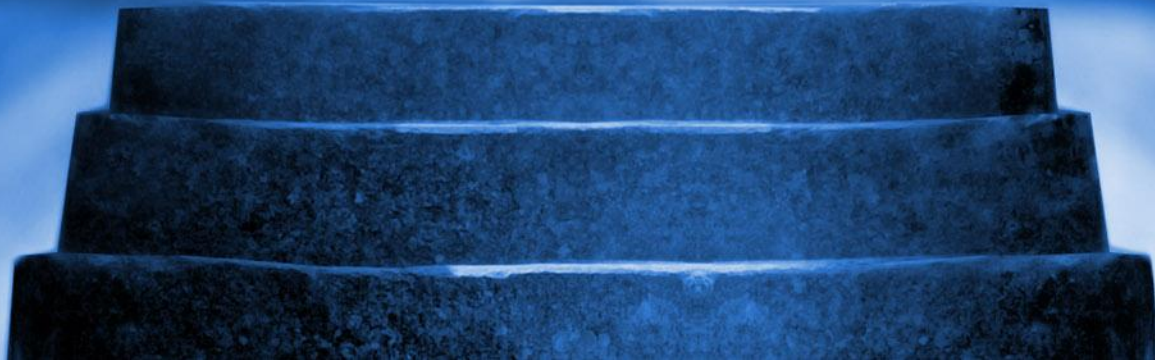
- **ETERNITY WITH JESUS.**

- **Phil 3:14 “Press on toward the goal, the prize of the upward calling in Christ Jesus.”**



What is the focus?

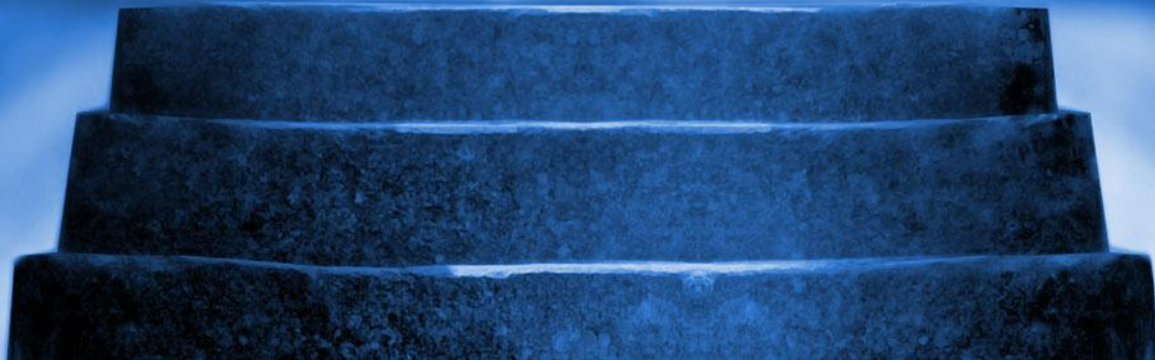
- **BECOMING GODLY IN OUR CHARACTERS.**



William Fisher

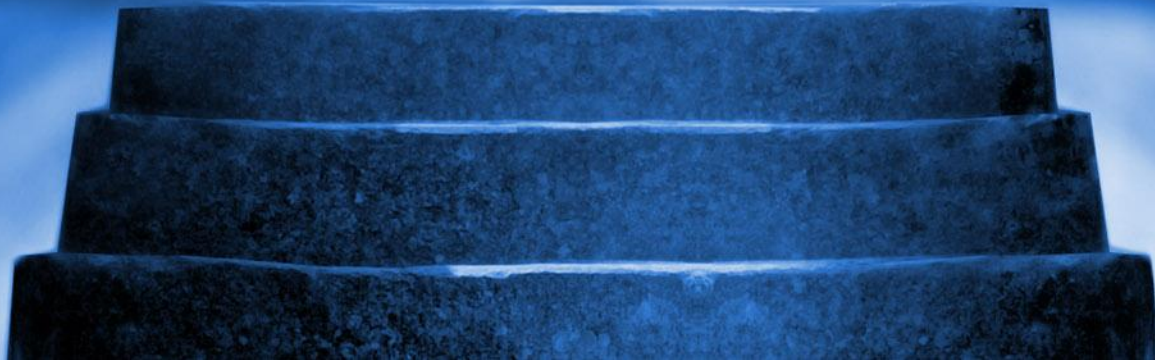
“Our goal is excellence.”

“Christian excellence is a point of view, a set of priorities, a hierarchy of values, an admirable self-imposed standard.”



Key #1: Phil 4:8

“If there is any **excellence** and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things.”

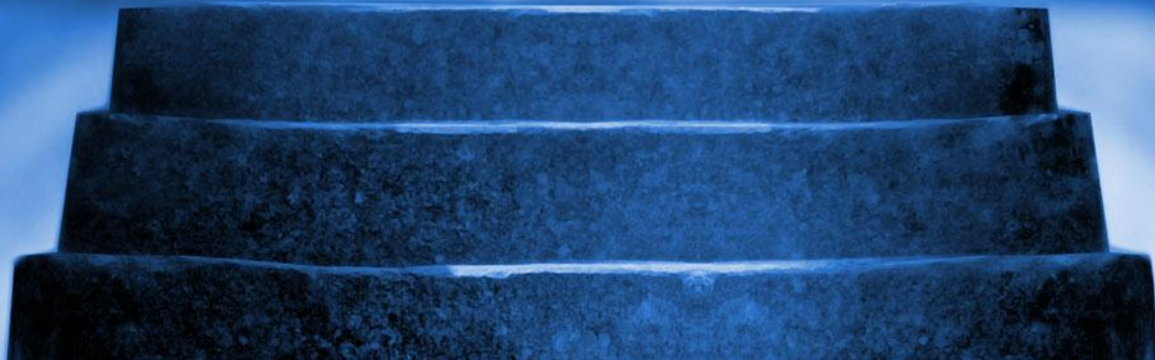


Key #2: Ecc 9:10

“Whatever your hands find to do, do it with **all of your might.**”

EXCELLENCE CAN BE OBTAINED IF YOU:

- Care more than others think is *wise*;
- Risk more than others think is *safe*;
- Dream more than others think is *practical*;
- Expect more than others think is *possible*.



Key #3: Eph 6:5-8

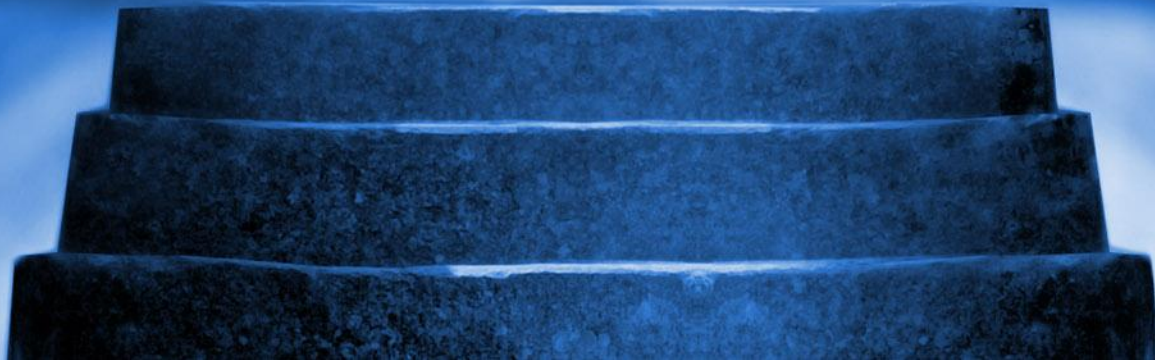
“Be obedient.. in the sincerity of your heart, not by way of eye service, as **men-pleasers**, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of **God** from the heart.”

*Every job is
a self-portrait of the
person who did it.
Autograph your work
with excellence.*



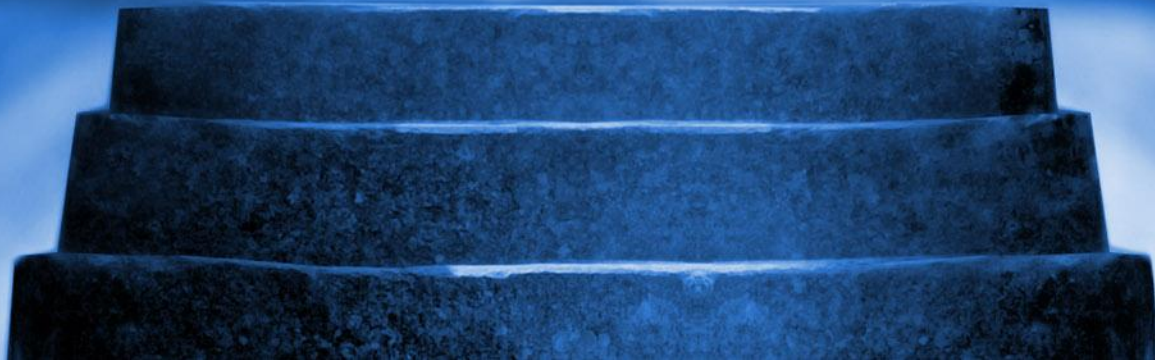
Key #4: I Cor 15:58

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immoveable, always **abounding in the work of the Lord**, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.”



Key #5: Phil 1:20-22

According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be **magnified in my body**, whether by life or by death. **For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.**



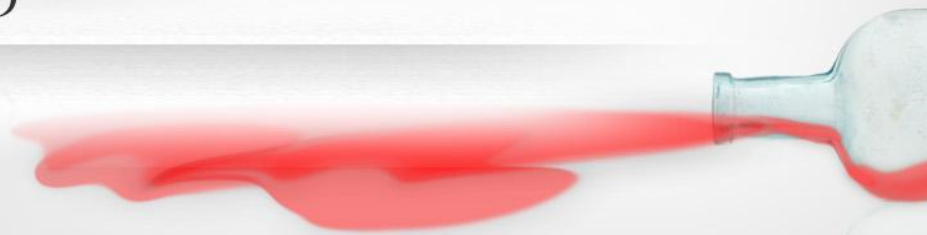
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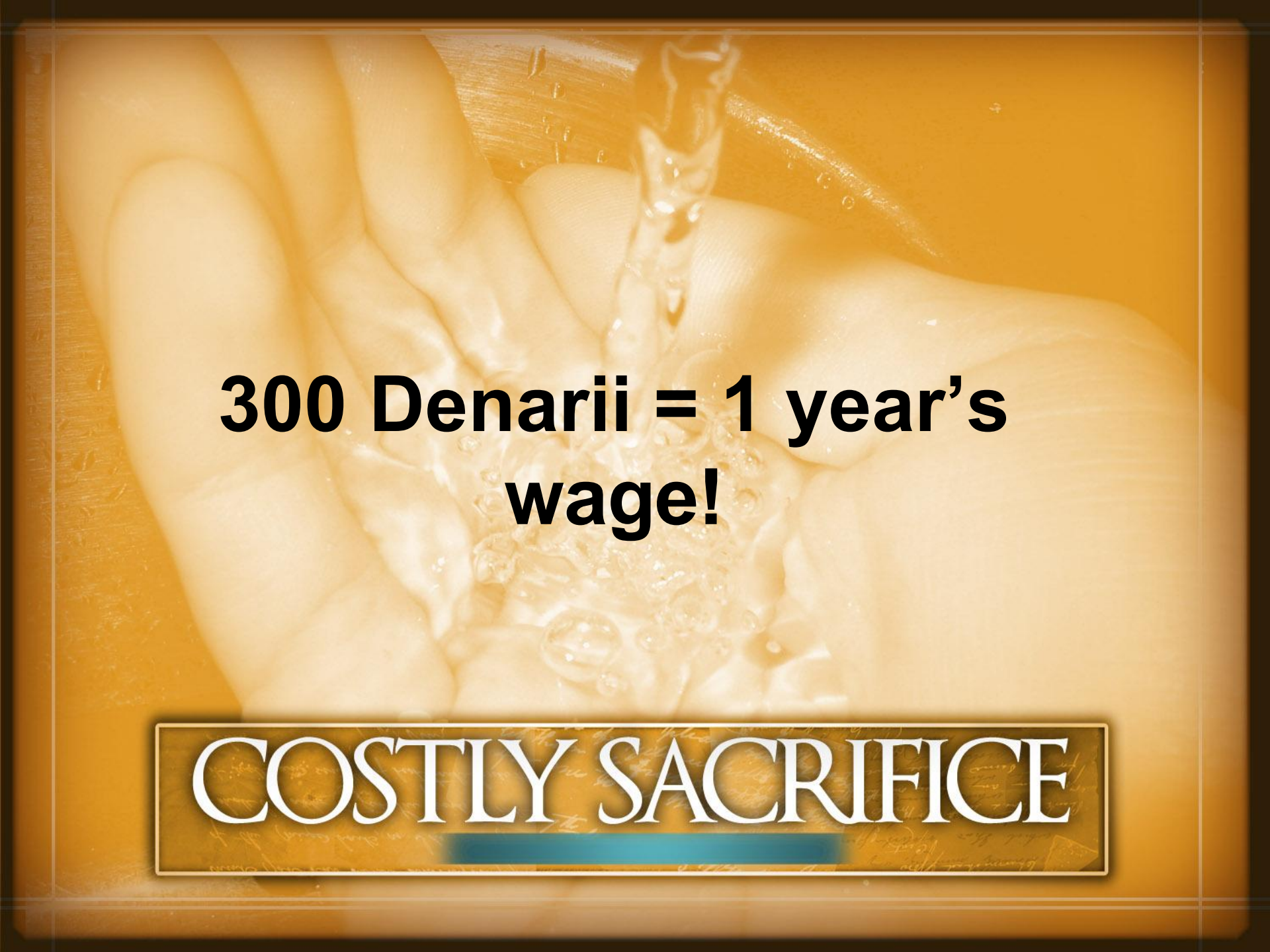
“The early Christians won over much of the pagan world because they out-thought, out-lived, and out-died the pagans!”

How illustrate excellence?

- Unprecedented
- Timely
- Sacrificial

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A close-up photograph of a hand holding a stream of water, with the water splashing and creating bubbles. The background is a warm, golden-brown color.

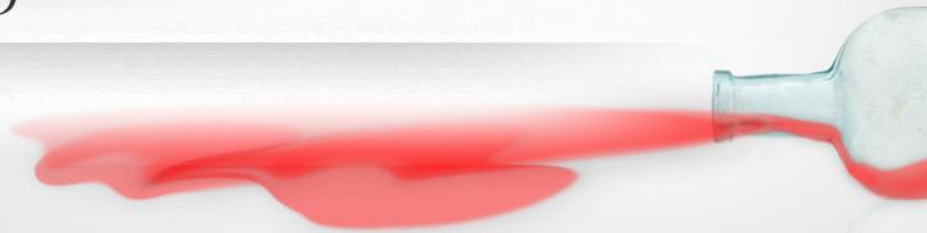
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wage!**

COSTLY SACRIFICE

How did this illustrate **Excellence**?

- Done Publicly – not ashamed!

Extravagant
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Judas: A WASTE!

Was it?

COSTLY SACRIFICE

How did this illustrate **Excellence**?

- Done **Publicly** – not ashamed!
- Done **Humbly**
 - Jesus says: “**She hath done what she could!**” Mk 14:8

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