

Beauty, Creativity and Excellence

While Bill Johnson was teaching, I heard the Spirit speak the following through him which is worthy of passing on as Kingdom teaching.

“It is the creative expression of God that uniquely fits into every person's life that has said “Yes” to Jesus. I don't care if you're an accountant (I don't mean creatively do the books and that you change the numbers. That's not creative.) But the way you handle the people you work with. The way that you display the excellence and the beauty of your work. It's everything that we do, it's to be done with a touch of excellence and beauty. This was such a profound thing in Solomon's life that he actually won the heart of the queen of Sheba that came to visit him through, not just the answers he gave. He gave her answers to every question she had. But the only thing listed was the stairway from his house to the house of God, the clothing of his servants, the way the tables were set and the way they were fed. All the natural mundane things had been so impacted by this genius, by this this man with wisdom, that expressed a level of creativity that stunned her and made her speechless. It was that value that was set on beauty and excellence, [that] restored an identity. It wasn't for Solomon, it was for the people of God. It was for the nation of Israel. Israel obtained a sense of identity and purpose through the beauty that was released through the leadership of this man Solomon...”

When a people lose their sense of identity the value of beauty goes downhill, because the value switches to survival. It's not just about a nice painting (although I love them and I have some nice pieces in my home). It's not just about them. It's not just about the beautiful design of an automobile or the coat or the dress that you bought, or whatever. It includes all of that. It's about this approach to life that says, “I serve a God of excellence and excellence demands I give attention to beauty because beauty restores the soul of a people.” ...

God is not a god that makes do. I mean, how much sky do we need? When he multiplied food there was never just enough, there was always more than necessary, but he didn't waste anything. He was always extravagant. And the hour has come for the people of God to place value [on beauty and excellence], because you are going to be used by the Lord to help to restore the soul of a city that was devastated through fire, through loss this last year and it's going to be through beauty. It's going to be through the homes that you rebuild. It's the enablement, the help that we have to stand alongside and help people restore their lives, their business, their families. It's all through this thing called excellence and beauty”¹

In the past I have been criticised by some as being a perfectionist. Actually, I used to be one, but I could see how it was ruining my life, so I stopped. However, rather than stopping, I switched to the King's way – operating in excellence. There's a big difference between the two. Perfectionism is about self (identity, self-worth, self-actualization) while excellence is displaying the character of the Trinity.

I still struggled with excellence from the pressure of others who thought it was perfectionism, and from 'the fear of man' that it generated in me. However, when Father told me in my prophetic journalling that he liked the way I did things, I stopped faltering with it and relaxed, knowing that excellence was the way of the Kingdom. This is what he said to me, in my spirit:

“I love your work and love you, my son. Keep up the high standard of operation and show my face to the world in what you do and how you do it. I operate in excellence – in perfection – and I inhabit that which mirrors me and the way I work. 'Good luck' is not an appropriate way to operate. Preparation, fine-tuning and a deliberate desire for perfection is what is needed for my light to shine to this mediocre world. Yes, mediocre. Compared to me, what is proffered as good or excellent by the world is really very poor. Mediocrity will increase in these days and it will be my saints, my Bride, who will maintain the high standard that will be a light that draws those who are looking for better –

1 – Bill Johnson (August 2020) “Principles of Warfare” www.youtube.com/watch?v=_7ain9tP5AU [20:41-27:24]

just as a lamp attracts moths in the darkness.”²

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