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# I Will Go The Extra Mile

*(Rising above the level of mediocrity)*  
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"But just as you **excel** in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us --see that you also **excel** in this grace of giving." (2 Cor 8:7 NIV)

"For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may **LIVE A LIFE WORTHY OF THE LORD AND MAY PLEASE HIM IN EVERY WAY**: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God," (Col 1:9-13; NIV)

## How To Develop A Reputation For Quality

"Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom." (Dan 6:3)

**Give everything you do everything you've got.**

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men," (Col 3:23 NIV)

**Know what it takes to excel.**

"Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men." (Prov 22:29)

**Approach each challenge with enthusiasm.**

"Never be lazy in your work, but serve the Lord enthusiastically." (Rom 12:11; TLB)

**Be the first to act intelligently.**

"As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, so is a sluggard to those who send him." (Prov 10:26)

**Earn a reputation for reliability.**

"Like a bad tooth or a lame foot is reliance on the unfaithful in times of trouble." (Prov 25:19)

**Work smarter not harder.**

"He who works his land will have abundant food, but he who chases fantasies lacks judgment." (Prov 12:11)

**Take time to sharpen the saw.**

"If the **ax** is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed but skill will bring success" (Eccl 10:10)

**Under promise and over deliver.**

"Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord." (Col 3:22)

**Demonstrate a positive attitude.**

"Do everything without complaining or arguing, 'so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe'" (Phil 2:14)

**Remember; there is no traffic jam on the extra mile.**

"If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you." (Mat 5:41-42 NIV)