

## Excellence

by Mike Tucker \*

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might...  
Ecclesiastes 9:10a

Achievement comes to those who look for opportunities and then seize the moment with unwavering zeal.

In the days of our Founding Fathers, Andrew Bradford held an enviable business contract. Despite its shoddy work, his company was endowed with the responsibility of doing the public printing for all of Pennsylvania. One day, Bradford was asked to print an important address the governor was planning to make. Bradford put the document together in his usual careless, unimpressive manner.

Realizing this sloppy product represented the opportunity he had been waiting for, another young printer decided to seize the moment. He elegantly prepared and printed the speech, then forwarded it with his compliments to the governor and to each member of the assembly. The rest of the story is history. This unknown printer—Benjamin Franklin—was soon awarded the contract for all of Pennsylvania's public printing.

Benjamin Franklin not only seized the moment but gave special attention to the quality of his work. These characteristics were the foundation for a long list of Franklin's further achievements.

Scripture urges us to take our work seriously. We are to do all things well, and all things to the glory of God.

With Love  
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