

**SESSION 1**  
**TRUE SUCCESS**



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“Our greatest fear should not be of failure, but of succeeding at something that doesn't really matter.”

**TRUE SUCCESS** is becoming who God wants you to be and doing what He wants you to do and hearing Him say “well done good and faithful servant.”

## MATTHEW 25:21

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<sup>21</sup> His master said to him, **‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’**

## 2 TIMOTHY 2:15

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# TRUE SUCCESS

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MATTHEW 3:17

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<sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom **I am well-pleased.**”

PSALM 40:7-8 ; HEBREWS 10:7-8

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<sup>8</sup> **I delight to do Your will,** O my God;  
Your Law is within my heart.”

## 2 CORINTHIANS 5:9-10

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<sup>9</sup> Therefore we also have as **our ambition**, whether at home or absent, to **be pleasing to Him**.

<sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

## 1 CORINTHIANS 9:27

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<sup>27</sup> but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

## HOWARD HENDRICKS

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### Research of 245 Full time Ministers:

1. Neglected personal time with God
2. Neglected boundaries with the opposite sex
3. Had no accountability
4. Thought it would never happen

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**Why do you do what you do?**

**Check your motives**

**What you do is important but  
why you do what you do is more  
important .**

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2. **PASSION FOR EXCELLENCE**

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## COLOSSIANS 3:23-24

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<sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, **do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,**

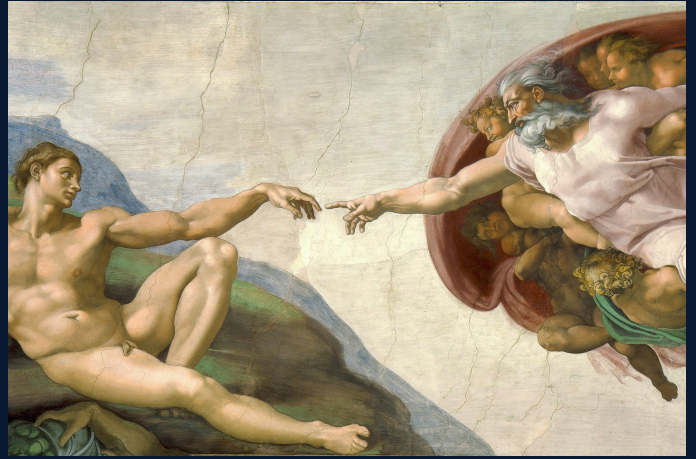
<sup>24</sup> knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. **It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.**

## EPHESIANS 2:10

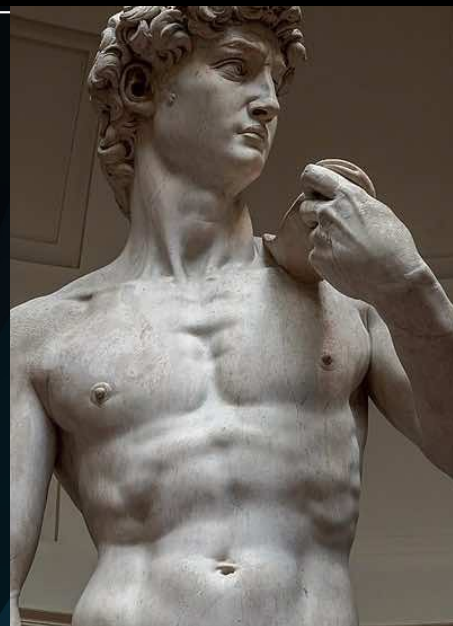
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For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

# THE SISTINE CHAPEL



## MICHELANGELO AND HIS WORKS



**BERTOLDO DE GIOVANNI**

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**“Michelangelo, talent is cheap;  
dedication is costly!”**

**SPIDER-MAN, by Sam Raimi, 2002**

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## **Jackie Chan Dragon lord**

- 2,900 takes for the entire scene
- Took him 40 days to perfect the shuttlecock scene

## **1 CORINTHIANS 10:31**

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**<sup>31</sup> Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God**

## MATTHEW 5:16

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**<sup>16</sup> Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.**

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- 3. PASSION FOR GOD'S TRUTH**

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## 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

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<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

<sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

## 2 TIMOTHY 4:3-4

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<sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,

<sup>4</sup> and **will turn away their ears from the truth** and will turn aside to myths.

## ATTRIBUTES OF TRUTH

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1. Truth is not truth because majority of the people believes it.
2. Truth is truth even if you don't believe it or like it.
3. Truth does not depend on feelings
4. Truth must correspond with facts.

## ATTRIBUTES OF TRUTH

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5. Truth is narrow and exclusive

6. Two contradictory truth claims cannot both be true at the same time.

7. Truth matters.

8. Truth will impact your life and your eternal future.

| <b>VOICE OF THE WORLD</b>                                  | <b>VOICE OF GOD IN SCRIPTURE</b>  |
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| <b>NO ABSOLUTE TRUTH</b>                                   | <b>ABSOLUTE TRUTH EXISTS ( John 8: 32)<br/>“ THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE”</b> |
| <b>“WHATEVER MAKES YOU HAPPY”</b>                          | <b>DENY YOURSELF AND FOLLOW ME<br/>(Matthew 16:24-26)</b>                     |
| <b>“YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE”</b>                                | <b>THERE IS LIFE AFTER DEATH (Heb. 9:27)</b>                                  |
| <b>“FOLLOW YOUR HEART ”</b>                                | <b>THE HEART IS DECEITFUL (Jer. 17:9)</b>                                     |
| <b>“EVERYONE IS DOING IT ”<br/>IT FEELS GOOD AND RIGHT</b> | <b>THERE IS A WAY THAT SEEMS RIGHT<br/>BUT LEADS TO DEATH (Prov 14:12)</b>    |

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To have a passion for God's truth is not just about talking about God's truth but living it out.

## 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8

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...the time of my departure has come.

<sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;

<sup>8</sup> in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

## JOHN STEPHEN AKHWARI, 1968 MEXICO OLYMPICS



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- Olympic runner from Tanzania
- became famous in the 1968 Olympics in Mexico
- During the marathon, Akhwari suffered a fall that injured his knee and shoulder. Despite the pain and difficulty, he continued to run, determined to finish the race.



## JOHN STEPHEN AKHWARI

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**“My country did not send me 5,000 miles to start the race; they sent me 5,000 miles to finish the race.”**



## SHIZO KANAKURI

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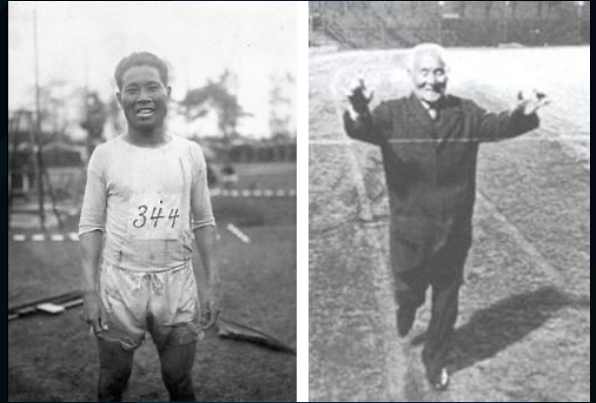
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## ULTIMATE EXAM

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1. Is God well pleased with your life?
2. Is your work well done?
3. Is God's truth lived out in your life?