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Title: A More Excellent Way

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Author Jim Collins Good to Great FIVE HILLION COPIES SOLD Why Some Companies Make the Leap... and Others Don't GOOD TO GOOD TO GOOD TO GOOD TO Source of the basinsting DUILT TO LAST

Chapter 1 Good is the Enemy of Great

"We don't have great schools principally because we have good schools. We don't have great government principally because we have good government"

"Few people attain great lives, in large because it is just to easy to settle for a good life".

"The vast majority of companies never become great, precisely because the vast majority become quite good- and that is their main problem." "Can a good company become a great company and if so, how? Or is the disease of "just being good" incurable?"

"The concluding work of Jim Collins is tied up in this statement: In order to remain (or attain greatness) such organizations (or individuals) must never lose sight of the three stages of discipline:

- 1. Discipline people
- 2. Discipline thought
- 3. Discipline action"

I Corinthians 13

Paul talked about the un-effective use of the Gifts if they were not baptized in love.

Paul describes what true love is. Verses 4-8

Paul wanted the church to understand the principle that:

- Love isn't just an emotional feeling
- Love is a discipline
- Love is Emotional Intelligence

Love suffers long – patience Love is kind – considerate Love envy not -not envious (jealous) Love vaunteth not itself - boastful Love is not puffed up - arrogant Love doth not behave itself unseemly - rude Love seeks not her own - brattish Love is not easily proved – irritable Love thinks no evil - resentful Love rejoices not in iniquity – wrong doing Love rejoices in the truth Love bears all things Love believes all things Love hopes all things Love Endures all things

Love – agape – affection or benevolence (well being). It is an attachment that is deep rooted.

The greatness of your life is not based upon:

- Stuff,
- Status
- Situations

Greatness is based upon how well you are living your life in comparison with your own ability.