Why Some Leaders Excel

The good is the enemy of the best. Avoid mediocrity. Satisfaction with the status quo shows that a program is really in trouble. This is especially true when leader knows there is apathy and is content to have it so.

I. Initiative
The Spirit needed to originate action.

The leader doesn't wait for things to happen; he helps make things happen. He's out at the point of action.

      A. Be alert to exercise initiative in serving.
        Ie: Paul gathering firewood when he is bit by a snake (Acts 28:2-3)
      B. Exercise initiative to take the first step toward reconciliation.
        Matthew 5:23-24 and Matthew 18:15-
        It is always your move to bring about reconciliation.
      C. Exercise initiative in seeking knowledge
        Proverbs 20:5 Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.
        Don't be prideful
      D. Acquire a spirit of initiative
        Train yourself to think ahead

IV. Creativity
Leaders are not afraid to try new and different things. God is creative by nature.
      How do you gain a creative spirit?
      A. Train yourself to think. "If it works now, will it soon be obsolete?"
      B. Pray for the boldness and courage it will take to try something new when God reveals it to you.
      C. Invest much time in fellowship with the One who is the most creative person in the whole universe.

We must be willing to break new ground and step out of the established mold.

III. Spirit of Excellence
      A. Start with God
        God's name is excellent. (Psalm 8:1)
        God's loving–kindness is excellent. (Psalm 36:7)
      B. The desire to do things with excellence is Christ-like.
        Romans 12:11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.

II. Standard of Excellence
      A. He has done all things well. Mark 7:37
      B. How to develop excellence
        1. Recognition of excellence
          It is possible. Don't be satisfied with the ordinary.
        2. Be committed to Excellence

On Final
Excellence is doing the best you can with time and resources you have available.
Why do some leaders excel? They take **Initiative**, use **Creativity**, and do things with a standard of **Excellence**