
OUTLINE BY DWIGHT MOSS

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   The Law and Scriptures are a reflection of Himself. To lower the standard would ask his followers to be something less than who He was and what the Bible calls for!

2. There is a temptation to lower the bar.
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3. There are serious consequences of lowering the bar. The moment we lower the standard, we hurt our people. Jesus set the standard. It is our responsibility to keep the standard where it is at. Anything else is a disgrace to God.

   The consequences of lowering the bar is that we cripple our people for life! We set the expectations so low that it appeals to no one other than those who are already committed to mediocrity. Mediocrity repels leaders. Revelation 3:15-16

4. It’s worth keeping the bar where it is.
   Where the bar is set will determine who you attract.

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   The measure of strength of your class/ministry – sending power! The mark of a great teacher is not one who builds a large class but one who follows Ephesians 4:11-12. This is only one level of the bar – multiplying your ministry.

6. Who is going to hold the bar? You, the teacher!
   The only way you can do that is to live what you teach! A leader should never be preaching where they are not walking! Colossians 3:23-24

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