A SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE

PART II
Outline Of The Study

➢ What Is Excellence

➢ Excellence Is A Choice

➢ Excellence Will Face Challenges

➢ Excellence Requires Courage

➢ Excellence Overcomes The Culture

➢ Excellence Is Contagious

➢ Excellence Requires Commitment

➢ Excellence Refuses To Compromise

➢ Excellence Is Continuous

➢ Excellence Must Be Cultivated

➢ Excellence Will Be Compensated
Key Verse

Daniel 6:1-3 (NKJV)

1 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty satraps, to be over the whole kingdom; 2 and over these, three governors, of whom Daniel was one, that the satraps might give account to them, so that the king would suffer no loss. 3 Then this DANIEL DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF above the governors and satraps, BECAUSE AN EXCELLENT SPIRIT WAS IN HIM; and the king gave thought to SETTING HIM OVER THE WHOLE REALM.
Introduction

In Daniel 6... Daniel is **Described** as having an **EXCELLENT SPIRIT** within him....

Daniel 6, **Describes** What Has Been **Demonstrated** Throughout The First 5 Chapters

Many people can **Describe** Excellence ~ Many people can **Define** Excellence

But Daniel Shows Us That **EXCELLENCE MUST BE DEMONSTRATED**

It’s Not Enough To **Define It**... **Describe It**... **Declare It**...

Do You Have **The Discipline To Demonstrate It** and **Display It**

Throughout This Study, We Will Outline Some Principles That Will Enable Us To

**DEVELOP A SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE**
What Is Excellence?

The Oxford Advanced Learner’s Dictionary, defines excellence as “the quality of being extremely good or outstanding”

Excellence is defined as “Highest Quality” ~ “Superior Standard” ~ “Extreme Quality”

Many people attribute excellence to the finished product/finished work but excellence flows from within A PERSON

EXCELLENCE IS GENERATED BY A SPIRIT WITHIN A PERSON

Excellence Is Not An Activity ....IT IS AN ATTITUDE ~

Many People Are Trying To Duplicate The Steps To Get Excellent Results ~ But Do You Have The Spirit

2 Kings 2:9 (NKJV)

9 Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?"

Elisha said, "Please let A DOUBLE PORTION OF YOUR SPIRIT be upon me."

WHAT DISTINGUISHES MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE SUCCESSFUL IS NOT THEIR GIFTS, SCHOOLS, ABILITIES, OR FAMILY.... THEY HAVE A DIFFERENT SPIRIT ~ A DIFFERENT MINDSET ~ A DIFFERENT ATTITUDE
Successful People Have Philosophies About Excellence

John Wooden
“It Takes Time To Create Excellence... If It Could Be Done Quickly, More People Would Do It”

Aristotle
“Excellence Is Never An Accident. It Is Always The Result Of...
High Intention, Sincere Effort, And Intelligent Execution;

Colin Powell
“If You Are Going To Achieve Excellence In Big Things, You Develop The Habit In Little Matters...

Booker T. Washington
“Excellence Is To Do A Common Thing In An Uncommon Way

Brian Tracy
“Excellence Is Not A Destination...It Is A Continuous Journey That Never Ends”

Steve Jobs
Be A Yardstick Of Quality... Some People Aren’t Accustomed To An Environment
Where Excellence Is Expected

Most Successful People Have A Philosophy About Excellence...
As Believers We Don’t Seek Excellence Based On Philosophies But Instead…Biblical Principles

**WORLDLY EXCELLENCE** it always based on COMPARISON AND COMPETITION. **GODLY EXCELLENCE** is based on CHARACTER, CONDUCT, AND COMPETENCE.

The Motive of **WORLDLY EXCELLENCE** Is To Please People
THE MOTIVE of **GODLY EXCELLENCE** is to **BRING HONOR AND GLORY TO GOD**.

We must get past **RESULTS ONLY** and get to **THE PURPOSE OF THE RESULTS**.
We can’t only be **result minded** we also have to be **reason minded**.

**WE WANT RIGHT RESULTS BECAUSE IT BRINGS HONOR AND GLORY TO GOD.**

Colossians 3:17 (ESV)
17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:23 (ESV)
23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men...

Example ~ Judged From A Human Perspective
Biblical Principles About Excellence

We Were Created In The Image Of God..... Therefore, We All Have The Potential To Be Excellent

Genesis 1:27 (NKJV)
27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God, He created him; male and female He created them.

Isaiah 12:5 (NKJV)
5 Sing to the Lord, For HE HAS DONE EXCELLENT THINGS; This is known in all the earth.

Psalms 148:13 (KJV)
13 Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is EXCELLENT;

Psalms 8:1 (KJV)
1 O LORD our Lord, how EXCELLENT is thy name in all the earth!

So, if we bear HIS EXCELLENT NAME, and HIS EXCELLENT NATURE
We should strive to do ALL THINGS WELL....

Philippians 2:9
9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and GIVEN HIM A NAME which is above every name,

Mark 7:36-37 (NIV)
36 Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. 37 People were overwhelmed with amazement. "HE HAS DONE EVERYTHING WELL," they said.
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Hebrews 8:1–6 (ESV)

1 Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, 2 a minister in the holy places, in the true tent THAT THE LORD SET UP, NOT MAN.

3 For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. 4 Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law.

5 They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, “See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.” 6 But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is MUCH MORE EXCELLENT THAN THE OLD as the covenant he mediates IS BETTER, since it is enacted on BETTER PROMISES.

Because Jesus Was “THE SON OF GOD”
He Did All Things Well In A More Excellent Way
Biblical Principles About Excellence

Because Of The Name... Child Of God
There Is An Expectation To Be Excellent

1 Peter 2:12 (NASE)
12 Keep your BEHAVIOR EXCELLENT among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

2 Corinthians 8:7 (NIV)
7 But just as YOU EXCEL IN EVERYTHING--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

Philippians 4:8 (ESV)
8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, IF THERE IS ANY EXCELLENCE, if there is anything worthy of praise, THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS.

Proverbs 12:4 (ESV)
4 An EXCELLENT WIFE is the crown of her husband....

There Is An EXPECTATION For Us To BE EXCELLENT
We Must Cultivate A Spirit To Be Excellent

Daniel 6:3 (NKJV)

3 Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because AN EXCELLENT SPIRIT was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm.

Genesis 41:29-34 (NKJV)

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29 Indeed seven years of great plenty will come throughout all the land of Egypt; 30 but after them seven years of famine will arise, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine will deplete the land. 31 So the plenty will not be known in the land because of the famine following, for it will be very severe. 32 And the dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice BECAUSE THE THING IS ESTABLISHED BY GOD, AND GOD WILL SHORTLY BRING IT TO PASS.

33 Now therefore, let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt.

Genesis 41:38-43 (NKJV)

38-43 (NKJV)

38 And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?" 39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you. 40 You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you." 41 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." 42 Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph's hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. 43 And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried out before him, "Bow the knee!" So he set him over all the land of Egypt.

Numbers 14:24 (NKJV)

24-25 (NKJV)

24 But My servant Caleb, BECAUSE HE HAS A DIFFERENT SPIRIT IN HIM and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.
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Conclusion

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