

Lesson 3: CULTIVATING AN EXCELLENT SPIRIT

EPCC Servers Discipleship Track

1. What is an Excellent Spirit?

- An _____ and _____ by the Holy Spirit in you.
- It is not _____, _____ and _____ focused
- It is not performance base-mindset or perfectionism

2. How Do I Cultivate an Excellent Spirit?

1. Be _____ with God - Daniel 6:10 (NLT)

*“¹⁰ But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down **as usual** in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. **He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God.**”*

- Daniel prayed with his windows open towards Jerusalem, knelt down on his knees 3 times a day, prayed with thanksgiving

2. Learn to live in the _____ - Daniel 5:11, 14 (The Voice)

*¹¹ Need I remind you that there is **a gifted man** in your kingdom **who possesses the spirit of the holy gods**. Years ago, in the time of your predecessor, King Nebuchadnezzar, **he was discovered to have insight, understanding, and wisdom like that of the gods**. That is why King Nebuchadnezzar **put him in charge of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldean astrologers, and diviners in his kingdom**.*

*¹⁴ Are you that Daniel I’ve heard so much about, one of the exiles brought here from Judah by my predecessor, King Nebuchadnezzar? I have been told that **you possess the spirit of the holy gods—that you have insight, understanding, and exceptional wisdom**.*

- Walking in excellence is not about serving in your own spirit. It is about letting the Holy Spirit move through you

3. What are Some Outward Expressions of an Excellent Spirit?

1. We will _____ – Daniel 1:8 (NLT)

⁸ *But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.*

2. We will _____ – Daniel 1:19-20 (NLT)

¹⁹ *The king talked with them, and **no one impressed him as much as Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they entered the royal service.** ²⁰ *Whenever the king consulted them in any matter requiring wisdom and balanced judgment, he **found them ten times more capable** than any of the magicians and enchanters in his entire kingdom.**

3. We will _____, not in stress – Daniel 6:21-22 (NLT)

²¹ *Long live the king!* ²² *As soon as you shut the mouth of this den, My God sent His heavenly representative to shut the mouths of these hungry lions so that they could not hurt me. He has rescued me because I am as innocent before Him as I am before you, O king. I have done you no harm.*

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the difference between serving out of a Spirit of Excellence and perfectionism?
2. What happens when we serve out of the enablement of the Holy Spirit?

3. How can you cultivate an excellent spirit?