# EXCELATIONS

#### DANIEL 6:1-3 ESV

<sup>1</sup>IT PLEASED DARIUS TO SET OVER THE **KINGDOM 120 SATRAPS, TO BE THROUGHOUT THE** WHOLE KINGDOM; <sup>2</sup>AND OVER THEM THREE HIGH OFFICIALS, OF WHOM DANIEL WAS ONE, TO WHOM THESE SATRAPS SHOULD GIVE ACCOUNT. SO THAT THE KING MIGHT SUFFER NO LOSS. <sup>3</sup>THEN THIS DANIEL BECAME DISTINGUISHED ABOVE ALL THE **OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS AND SATRAPS, BECAUSE AN EXCELLENT SPIRIT WAS IN HIM. AND THE KING** PLANNED TO SET HIM OVER THE WHOLE KINGDOM.

## PERFECTIONISM Phycology Today

PERFECTION, OF COURSE, IS AN ABSTRACTION, AN IMPOSSIBILITY IN REALITY. WHEN TAKEN TOO FAR, THE STRIVING FOR PERFECTION CAN LEAD TO NEGATIVE OUTCOMES, LIKE PROCRASTINATION, A TENDENCY TO AVOID CHALLENGES, RIGID ALL-OR-NOTHING THINKING, TOXIC COMPARISONS, AND A LACK OF CREATIVITY.

#### EXCELLENCE IS AN ATTITUDE Colossians 3:23-24 ESV

<sup>23</sup>WHATEVER YOU DO, WORK HEARTILY, AS FOR THE LORD AND NOT FOR MEN, <sup>24</sup>KNOWING THAT FROM THE LORD YOU WILL RECEIVE THE INHERITANCE AS YOUR REWARD. YOU ARE SERVING THE LORD CHRIST.

WORK – ERGÁZOMAI, *BE ENGAGED IN, BE ACTIVE* Heartily – EK, *Emphatically (With Emphasis)* As – Hōs, *in that Manner* Lord – Kýrios, *Title Given to: God, The Messiah* Not – Ou, *Not at all* Men – Ánthrōpos, *Mankind* 

**EXCELLENCE IS AN ATTITUDE** Colossians 3:23 "MJW" WHATEVER YOU DO, **BE ACTIVE IN,** EMPHATICALLY, IN THE MANNER OF JESUS, **AND NOT AT ALL LIKE MANKIND!** 

# EXCELLENCE HAS MOTION 1 TIMOTHY 4:14-16 NLT

<sup>14</sup>DO NOT NEGLECT THE SPIRITUAL GIFT YOU **RECEIVED THROUGH THE PROPHECY SPOKEN OVER** YOU WHEN THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH LAID THEIR HANDS ON YOU. <sup>15</sup>GIVE YOUR COMPLETE ATTENTION **TO THESE MATTERS. THROW YOURSELF INTO YOUR** TASKS SO THAT EVERYONE WILL SEE YOUR PROGRESS. <sup>16</sup>KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON HOW YOU LIVE AND ON YOUR TEACHING. STAY TRUE TO WHAT IS RIGHT FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR OWN SALVATION AND THE SALVATION OF THOSE WHO HEAR YOU.

#### EXCELLENCE DISPLAYS HONOR Romans 12:10-11 NIV

<sup>10</sup>BE DEVOTED TO ONE ANOTHER IN BROTHERLY LOVE. HONOR ONE ANOTHER ABOVE YOURSELVES. <sup>11</sup>NEVER BE LACKING IN ZEAL, BUT KEEP YOUR SPIRITUAL FERVOR, SERVING THE LORD.

HONOR – REGARD WITH GREAT RESPECT, ESTEEM, HONORS, SUCH AS ARE ACCORDED TO GODS OR TO SUPERIORS, A DIGNITY, OFFICE, MAGISTRACY, OR BESTOWED (WHETHER BY GODS OR MEN) AS A REWARD FOR SERVICES.

# EXCELLENCE DISPLAYS HONOR Luke 14:8-11 NLT

<sup>8</sup>"WHEN YOU ARE INVITED TO A WEDDING FEAST, DON'T SIT IN THE SEAT OF HONOR. WHAT IF SOMEONE WHO IS MORE DISTINGUISHED THAN YOU HAS ALSO BEEN INVITED? <sup>9</sup>THE HOST WILL COME AND SAY, 'GIVE THIS PERSON YOUR SEAT.' THEN YOU WILL BE EMBARRASSED, AND YOU WILL HAVE TO TAKE WHATEVER SEAT IS LEFT AT THE FOOT OF THE TABLE!

## EXCELLENCE DISPLAYS HONOR Luke 14:8-11 NLT

<sup>10</sup>"INSTEAD, TAKE THE LOWEST PLACE AT THE FOOT OF THE TABLE. THEN WHEN YOUR HOST SEES YOU, HE WILL COME AND SAY, 'FRIEND, WE HAVE A BETTER PLACE FOR YOU!' THEN YOU WILL BE HONORED IN FRONT OF ALL THE OTHER GUESTS. <sup>11</sup>FOR THOSE WHO EXALT THEMSELVES WILL BE HUMBLED, AND THOSE WHO HUMBLE THEMSELVES WILL BE EXALTED."

## EXCELLENCE ATTRACTS Mark 3:7-8 ESV

<sup>7</sup>JESUS WITHDREW WITH HIS DISCIPLES TO THE SEA, AND A GREAT CROWD FOLLOWED, FROM GALILEE AND JUDEA <sup>8</sup>AND JERUSALEM AND IDUMEA AND FROM BEYOND THE JORDAN AND FROM AROUND TYRE AND SIDON. WHEN THE GREAT CROWD HEARD ALL THAT HE WAS DOING, THEY CAME TO HIM.

## EXCELLENCE TAKES OWNERSHIP Matthew 7:24-27 NLT

24"ANYONE WHO LISTENS TO MY TEACHING AND FOLLOWS IT IS WISE, LIKE A PERSON WHO BUILDS A HOUSE ON SOLID ROCK. <sup>25</sup>THOUGH THE RAIN COMES IN TORRENTS AND THE FLOODWATERS RISE AND THE WINDS BEAT AGAINST THAT HOUSE, IT WON'T **COLLAPSE BECAUSE IT IS BUILT ON BEDROCK.** <sup>26</sup>BUT ANYONE WHO HEARS MY TEACHING AND DOESN'T **OBEY IT IS FOOLISH, LIKE A PERSON WHO BUILDS A** HOUSE ON SAND. <sup>27</sup>WHEN THE RAINS AND FLOODS COME AND THE WINDS BEAT AGAINST THAT HOUSE, **IT WILL COLLAPSE WITH A MIGHTY CRASH."** 

# EXCELLENCE OUTDOES ENVY Daniel 6:4-5 ESV

**4THEN THE HIGH OFFICIALS AND THE SATRAPS** SOUGHT TO FIND A GROUND FOR COMPLAINT AGAINST DANIEL WITH REGARD TO THE KINGDOM, **BUT THEY COULD FIND NO GROUND FOR COMPLAINT** OR ANY FAULT, BECAUSE HE WAS FAITHFUL, AND **NO ERROR OR FAULT WAS FOUND IN HIM. 5THEN** THESE MEN SAID, "WE SHALL NOT FIND ANY **GROUND FOR COMPLAINT AGAINST THIS DANIEL UNLESS WE FIND IT IN CONNECTION WITH THE LAW OF HIS GOD.**"

## EXCELLENCE IS CHRISTLIKE 2 Peter 1:3-4 ESV

<sup>3</sup>HIS DIVINE POWER HAS GRANTED TO US ALL THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO LIFE AND GODLINESS, THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM WHO CALLED US TO HIS OWN GLORY AND EXCELLENCE, <sup>4</sup>BY WHICH HE HAS GRANTED TO US HIS PRECIOUS AND VERY **GREAT PROMISES, SO THAT THROUGH THEM YOU** MAY BECOME PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE, HAVING ESCAPED FROM THE CORRUPTION THAT IS IN THE WORLD BECAUSE OF SINFUL DESIRE.

WHATEVER YOU DO, BE ACTIVE IN, EMPHATICALLY, IN THE MANNER OF JESUS, AND NOT AT ALL LIKE MANKIND!