

Pursuing Excellence in Ministry

Summer Series



“Excellence is not a skill. It is an attitude.”

Foundation Scripture
Daniel 6:3

Daniel 6:3, Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

Cultivating a Spirit of Excellence

Lesson One



Definitions of Excellence

The quality of being outstanding or extremely good, distinction, quality, superiority, brilliance, greatness, merit, caliber, eminence, and mastery.

Characteristics of an Excellent Spirit

Great character, integrity, honesty, compassion, humble, teachable, ever learning, great work habits, dependable, meekness, consistent, confident, determination, diligence, adaptability, persistent, goal-oriented, enthusiastic, forgiving, self-disciplined, reliable, great stewardship.

**Excellence is
understanding that the
small things are the big
things.**

Four Qualities that Launched Daniel to Success:



1. Daniel's CHARACTER Launched Him to Success.

Daniel 6:4, But they could find no occasion or fault because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him.

**Character is a
determination to do what is
right no matter what the
cost.**

“Your character is more important than your reputation. Your character is what you really are; your reputation is only what people think you are.”

**2. Daniel's CONVICTION
Launched Him to Success.**

**“Take a stand for
something or you will fall
for anything.”**

**Daniel 1:8, But Daniel
purposed in his heart that he
would not defile himself with
the portion of the king's food,
nor with the wine which he
drank.**

**3. Daniel's COURAGE
Launched Him to Success.**

“Courage is not the absence of fear but the conquering of fear.”

“Courage is fear that has said its prayers.”

**Acts 5:29, We must obey
God rather than men.**

**4. Daniel's CONSISTENCY
Launched Him to Success.**

**Daniel 6:16, Your God
whom you serve
continually, He will deliver
you.**

Success is rarely the result of one act of heroism. Success usually results from a lifetime of diligence, discipline and making wise decisions.

Daniel 6:26, “I make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom men are to fear and tremble before the God of Daniel. For He is the living God”

“Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives - choice, not chance, determines your destiny.”

Bible Study Follow Up Chat Questions:

- 1. What was your greatest takeaway from today's lesson?**
- 2. What is your definition of excellence?**
- 3. Why was Daniel preferred above the presidents and officials?**
- 4. How are excellence and favor related?**
- 5. How are conviction and excellence related?**
- 6. Name the four excellence qualities Daniel possessed?**
- 7. Have you ever been rewarded for excellence?**