

# Pursuing Excellence in Ministry

Summer Series



**Foundation Scripture: Daniel 6:3,  
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.**

# Supernatural Excellence

## Lesson Three



**Scripture Lesson: Daniel 6:1-5,** It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom 120 satraps, to be throughout the whole kingdom and over them three high officials, of whom Daniel was one, to whom these satraps should give the account so that the king might suffer no loss. 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.

Then the high officials and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel regarding 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.

Then 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 a spirit and  
for everyone who is in  
Christ, excellence is given.**

**Hebrews 8:6**, But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more **excellent** than the old as the covenant He mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.

**I John 4:17, Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world.**



**Excellence is a spiritual  
treasure locked away in the  
chest of our human spirit and  
we need to go on an adventure  
to unlock it.**

**Excellence churns out  
favor in the life of them that  
have it.**

**Supernatural excellence is a substance that is created by the operation of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer.**

# We Fan Excellence Into Flame Through:

- **Prayer**
- **Confession**
- **A Principled Lifestyle**

**The Activity of Prayer will  
Fan the Flame of  
Excellence**

**The Activity of a Principled  
Life will Fan the Flame of  
Excellence**

**Proverbs 18:16**, A man's gift  
opens doors for him, and brings  
him before great men.

**Honor, Wisdom, and  
Humility will Advance You.**



**Daniel 2:46-48**, Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell prostrate before Daniel and paid him honor and ordered that an offering and incense be presented to him. The king said to Daniel, "Surely your God is the God of gods and the LORD of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery." Then the king placed Daniel in a high position and lavished many gifts on him. He made him ruler over the entire province of Babylon and placed him in charge of all its wise men."

**You can't influence  
something you won't  
connect with.**

**Your attitude will determine  
how others treat you.**

**Daniel 6:3**, Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.

**You can't influence  
transformation for anyone you  
don't have compassion for.**

**Loyalty will guard you.**

**Daniel 2:49**, Moreover, at Daniel's request the king appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego administrators over the province of Babylon, while Daniel himself remained at the royal court.

**It's better to make an  
impact than to make a  
statement.**



# **Integrity Will Preserve You.**

**Psalm 25:21, May integrity and  
uprightness protect me, because  
my hope, LORD, is in You.**

**If you don't live with wisdom and honor, you won't stand before kings, let alone influence them.**

## **Faithfulness Will Hold You Above Reproach.**

**Daniel 6:4**, So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him.

## Five Principles of Excellence:

- + Make the original worth copying. Do it right the first time.
  - + Invest in quality.
  - + Do everything you do for Jesus.
- + Commit to improvement and growth for the rest of your life.
- + Release your faith through confession — You possess what you confess.

**“Excellence comes  
from within.”**