

HOW EXCELLENT ARE YOU?

Part 1

DANIEL 5 V 11 – 14 (NKJ)

THERE IS A MAN IN YOUR KINGDOM IN WHOM IS THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLY GOD. AND IN THE DAYS OF YOUR FATHER, LIGHT AND UNDERSTANDING AND WISDOM, LIKE THE WISDOM OF THE GODS, WERE FOUND IN HIM; AND KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR YOUR FATHER—YOUR FATHER THE KING—MADE HIM CHIEF OF THE MAGICIANS, ASTROLOGERS, CHALDEANS AND SOOTHSAYERS. ¹² INASMUCH AS AN EXCELLENT SPIRIT, KNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTANDING, INTERPRETING DREAMS,

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SOLVING RIDDLES, AND EXPLAINING ENIGMAS WERE FOUND IN THIS DANIEL, WHOM THE KING NAMED BELTESHAZZAR, NOW LET DANIEL BE CALLED, AND HE WILL GIVE THE INTERPRETATION.” THEN DANIEL WAS BROUGHT IN BEFORE THE KING. THE KING SPOKE, AND SAID TO DANIEL, “ARE YOU THAT DANIEL WHO IS ONE OF THE CAPTIVES FROM JUDAH, WHOM MY FATHER THE KING BROUGHT FROM JUDAH? ¹⁴ I HAVE HEARD OF YOU, THAT THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS IN YOU, AND THAT LIGHT AND UNDERSTANDING AND EXCELLENT WISDOM ARE FOUND IN YOU.

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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. 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.

- 1. EXCELLENCE IS LIVING LIFE
“CONSISTENTLY”.**

JAMES 1 V 2 – 8 (NKJ)

MY BRETHREN, COUNT IT ALL JOY WHEN YOU FALL INTO VARIOUS TRIALS, KNOWING THAT THE TESTING OF YOUR FAITH PRODUCES PATIENCE. BUT LET PATIENCE HAVE ITS PERFECT WORK, THAT YOU MAY BE PERFECT AND COMPLETE, LACKING NOTHING. IF ANY OF YOU LACKS WISDOM, LET HIM ASK OF GOD, WHO GIVES TO ALL LIBERALLY AND WITHOUT REPROACH, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO HIM. BUT LET HIM ASK IN FAITH, WITH NO DOUBTING, FOR HE WHO DOUBTS IS LIKE A WAVE OF THE SEA DRIVEN AND TOSSED BY THE WIND. ⁷ FOR LET NOT THAT MAN SUPPOSE THAT HE WILL RECEIVE ANYTHING FROM THE

**LORD; HE IS A DOUBLE-MINDED MAN,
UNSTABLE IN ALL HIS WAYS.**

PSALMS 34 V 1 – 3 (NKJ)

**I WILL BLESS THE LORD AT ALL TIMES;
HIS PRAISE SHALL CONTINUALLY BE IN MY
MOUTH. MY SOUL SHALL MAKE ITS BOAST
IN THE LORD; THE HUMBLE SHALL
HEAR OF IT AND BE GLAD. OH, MAGNIFY
THE LORD WITH ME, AND LET US EXALT
HIS NAME TOGETHER.**

*NOT JUST BEING “HOT” FOR A SHORT
PERIOD OF TIME. (NO 1 ONCE)!*

NOT UP ONE DAY, DOWN THE NEXT.

PAUL

PHILIPPIANS 4 V 4 – 11 (NKJ)

**REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS. AGAIN I
WILL SAY, REJOICE!
LET YOUR GENTLENESS BE KNOWN TO
ALL MEN. THE LORD IS AT HAND. BE
ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING, BUT IN
EVERYTHING BY PRAYER AND
SUPPLICATION, WITH THANKSGIVING, LET
YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN TO
GOD; ⁷ AND THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH
SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING, WILL
GUARD YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS
THROUGH CHRIST JESUS. FINALLY,
BRETHREN, WHATEVER THINGS ARE
TRUE, WHATEVER THINGS ARE NOBLE,
WHATEVER THINGS ARE JUST,**

**WHATEVER THINGS ARE PURE,
WHATEVER THINGS ARE LOVELY,
WHATEVER THINGS ARE OF GOOD
REPORT, IF THERE IS ANY VIRTUE AND
IF THERE IS ANYTHING PRAISEWORTHY—
MEDITATE ON THESE THINGS. THE THINGS
WHICH YOU LEARNED AND RECEIVED AND
HEARD AND SAW IN ME, THESE DO, AND
THE GOD OF PEACE WILL BE WITH YOU.
BUT I REJOICED IN THE LORD GREATLY
THAT NOW AT LAST YOUR CARE FOR ME
HAS FLOURISHED AGAIN; THOUGH YOU
SURELY DID CARE, BUT YOU LACKED
OPPORTUNITY. NOT THAT I SPEAK IN
REGARD TO NEED, FOR I HAVE LEARNED
IN WHATEVER STATE I AM, TO BE
CONTENT.**

2. RESPOND NOT REACT.

*OVERCOMES IN LIFE ALL THE THINGS THAT
COME TO OVERTAKE OUR LIVES AND
NEUTRALIZE US.*

1 JOHN 5 V 4 (NKJ)

**FOR WHATEVER IS BORN OF GOD
OVERCOMES THE WORLD. AND THIS IS
THE VICTORY THAT HAS OVERCOME THE
WORLD—OUR FAITH.**

PHILIPPIANS 4 V 13 (NKJ)

**I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST
WHO STRENGTHENS ME.**

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**WE ARE HARD-PRESSED ON EVERY SIDE,
YET NOT CRUSHED; WE ARE PERPLEXED,
BUT NOT IN DESPAIR; PERSECUTED, BUT
NOT FORSAKEN; STRUCK DOWN, BUT NOT
DESTROYED.**

2 CORINTHIANS 4 V 16 – 18 (NKJ)

**THEREFORE WE DO NOT LOSE HEART.
EVEN THOUGH OUR OUTWARD MAN IS
PERISHING, YET THE INWARD MAN IS
BEING RENEWED DAY BY DAY. FOR OUR
LIGHT AFFLICTION, WHICH IS BUT FOR A
MOMENT, IS WORKING FOR US A FAR
MORE EXCEEDING AND ETERNAL WEIGHT**

OF GLORY, WHILE WE DO NOT LOOK AT

/CONT ... THE THINGS

**THE THINGS WHICH ARE SEEN, BUT AT
THE THINGS WHICH ARE NOT SEEN. FOR
THE THINGS WHICH ARE SEEN ARE
TEMPORARY, BUT THE THINGS WHICH
ARE NOT SEEN ARE ETERNAL.**

**3. EXCELLENCE IS CONNECTED TO
“INTEGRITY”.**

YOUR WORD BECOMES YOUR BOND.

*YOU ARE, WHAT YOU SAY YOU ARE – YOU
ARE THE SAME THING.*

*WILL DO THE “SAME” IF YOU NEW YOU
WOULD NOT BE FOUND OUT!*

*INTEGRITY DOESN'T MEAN YOU ARE
PERFECT BUT TRUTHFULL – AUTHENTIC
AND REAL.*

DAVID

PSALM 26 V 11 – 12 (NKJ)

**BUT AS FOR ME, I WILL WALK IN MY
INTEGRITY; REDEEM ME AND BE
MERCIFUL TO ME. MY FOOT STANDS IN AN
EVEN PLACE; IN THE CONGREGATIONS I
WILL BLESS THE LORD.**

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**HE ALSO CHOSE DAVID HIS SERVANT,
AND TOOK HIM FROM THE SHEEPFOLDS;
FROM FOLLOWING THE EWES THAT HAD
YOUNG HE BROUGHT HIM, TO SHEPHERD
JACOB HIS PEOPLE, AND ISRAEL HIS
INHERITANCE. SO HE SHEPHERDED THEM
ACCORDING TO THE INTEGRITY OF HIS
HEART, AND GUIDED THEM BY THE
SKILLFULNESS OF HIS HANDS.**

- 4. EXCELLENCE “DESIRES” YOU TO BE
THE “BEST” YOU, THROUGH CHRIST
JESUS.**

DON'T SERVE HALF-HEARTEDLY

START ON TIME - DON'T BE LATE.

DIS-ORGANIZED.

GIVE 2ND OR 3RD BEST.

2 SAMUEL 24 V 24 (NKJ)

THEN THE KING SAID TO ARAUNAH, “NO, BUT I WILL SURELY BUY IT FROM YOU FOR A PRICE; NOR WILL I OFFER BURNT OFFERINGS TO THE LORD MY GOD WITH THAT WHICH COSTS ME NOTHING.” SO DAVID BOUGHT THE THRESHING FLOOR AND THE OXEN FOR FIFTY SHEKELS OF SILVER.

DANIEL EXAMPLE

DANIEL 1 V 17 – 20 (NKJ)

AS FOR THESE FOUR YOUNG MEN, GOD GAVE THEM KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL IN ALL LITERATURE AND WISDOM; AND DANIEL HAD UNDERSTANDING IN ALL VISIONS AND DREAMS. NOW AT THE END OF THE DAYS, WHEN THE KING HAD SAID THAT THEY SHOULD BE BROUGHT IN, THE CHIEF OF THE EUNUCHS BROUGHT THEM IN BEFORE NEBUCHADNEZZAR. THEN THE KING INTERVIEWED THEM, AND AMONG THEM ALL NONE WAS FOUND LIKE DANIEL, HANANIAH, MISHAEL, AND AZARIAH; THEREFORE THEY SERVED BEFORE THE KING. AND IN ALL MATTERS

/CONT ... OF WISDOM

OF WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING ABOUT WHICH THE KING EXAMINED THEM, HE FOUND THEM TEN TIMES BETTER THAN ALL THE MAGICIANS AND ASTROLOGERS WHO WERE IN ALL HIS REALM.

DON'T MAKE EXCUSES "BECAUSE" YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN, BUT BE THE BEST YOU, YOU CAN BE BECAUSE YOU "ARE" A CHRISTIAN.

GALATIANS 2 V 20 (NKJ)

I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST; IT IS NO LONGER I WHO LIVE, BUT CHRIST LIVES IN ME; AND THE LIFE WHICH I NOW

**LIVE IN THE FLESH I LIVE BY FAITH IN THE
SON OF GOD, WHO LOVED ME AND GAVE
HIMSELF FOR ME.**