

## **HOW EXCELLENT ARE YOU?**

### **PART 3**

#### **DANIEL 6 V 3 – 4 (NKJ)**

**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.**

**ACTS 4 V 13 - 14 (NKJ)**

**NOW WHEN THEY SAW THE BOLDNESS OF PETER AND JOHN, AND PERCEIVED THAT THEY WERE UNEDUCATED AND UNTRAINED MEN, THEY MARVELED. AND THEY REALIZED THAT THEY HAD BEEN WITH JESUS. AND SEEING THE MAN WHO HAD BEEN HEALED STANDING WITH THEM, THEY COULD SAY NOTHING AGAINST IT.**

**1. THE DEMANDS OF BEING  
“EFFECTIVE” RATHER THAN BEING  
POPULAR.**

*EXCELLENCE = MEANS YOU ARE  
STRIVING FOR THE HIGHEST AND BEST*

*YOU CAN ACHIEVE THROUGH CHRIST  
JESUS.*

*BE THE BEST YOU, YOU CAN BE.*

*TO REALIZE AND FULFILL YOUR FULL  
POTENTIAL THAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU.*

**PHILIPPIANS 3 V 12 - 14 (MESSAGE)**

**I'M NOT SAYING THAT I HAVE THIS ALL TOGETHER, THAT I HAVE IT MADE. BUT I AM WELL ON MY WAY, REACHING OUT FOR CHRIST, WHO HAS SO WONDROUSLY REACHED OUT FOR ME. FRIENDS, DON'T GET ME WRONG: BY NO MEANS DO I**

*Cont/ ... COUNT MYSELF*

**COUNT MYSELF AN EXPERT IN ALL OF THIS, BUT I'VE GOT MY EYE ON THE GOAL, WHERE GOD IS BECKONING US ONWARD— TO JESUS. I'M OFF AND RUNNING, AND I'M NOT TURNING BACK.**

**2. EXCELLENT SPIRIT DOES NOT  
“CONSIDER” – ACT ON STORMS AND  
ATTACKS THAT THE ENEMY BRINGS.**

*ALL ARE CONFRONTED WITH TESTS AND TRIALS. NOT LED BY CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE WORD AND DESTINY.*

*“CONSIDER = DOES NOT DWELL HIS  
“THOUGHTS ON”.*

**ROMANS 12 V 2 (NKJ)**

**AND DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS  
WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE  
RENEWING OF YOUR MIND, THAT YOU MAY  
PROVE WHAT IS THAT GOOD AND  
ACCEPTABLE AND PERFECT WILL OF GOD.**

**NOT TO GIVE PRIORITY OVER TO  
DISTRACTION.**

**HEBREWS 12 V 2 (NKJ)**

**LOOKING UNTO JESUS, THE AUTHOR AND  
FINISHER OF OUR FAITH, WHO FOR THE  
JOY THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM  
ENDURED THE CROSS, DESPISING THE  
SHAME, AND HAS SAT DOWN AT THE  
RIGHT HAND OF THE THRONE OF GOD.**

**ROMANS 4 V 17 – 24 (NKJ)**

**(AS IT IS WRITTEN, “I HAVE MADE YOU A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS”) IN THE PRESENCE OF HIM WHOM HE BELIEVED— GOD, WHO GIVES LIFE TO THE DEAD AND CALLS THOSE THINGS WHICH DO NOT EXIST AS THOUGH THEY DID; WHO, CONTRARY TO HOPE, IN HOPE BELIEVED, SO THAT HE BECAME THE FATHER OF MANY NATIONS, ACCORDING TO WHAT WAS SPOKEN, “SO SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS BE.” AND NOT BEING WEAK IN FAITH, HE DID NOT CONSIDER HIS OWN BODY, ALREADY DEAD (SINCE HE WAS ABOUT A HUNDRED YEARS OLD),**

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**AND THE DEADNESS OF SARAH'S WOMB. HE DID NOT WAVER AT THE PROMISE OF GOD THROUGH UNBELIEF, BUT WAS STRENGTHENED IN FAITH, GIVING GLORY TO GOD, AND BEING FULLY CONVINCED THAT WHAT HE HAD PROMISED HE WAS ALSO ABLE TO PERFORM. AND THEREFORE "IT WAS ACCOUNTED TO HIM FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS." NOW IT WAS NOT WRITTEN FOR HIS SAKE ALONE THAT IT WAS IMPUTED TO HIM, BUT ALSO FOR US. IT SHALL BE IMPUTED TO US WHO BELIEVE IN HIM WHO RAISED UP JESUS OUR LORD FROM THE DEAD.**

**JOSHUA 1 V 8 (NKJ)**

**THIS BOOK OF THE LAW SHALL NOT DEPART FROM YOUR MOUTH, BUT YOU SHALL MEDITATE IN IT DAY AND NIGHT, THAT YOU MAY OBSERVE TO DO ACCORDING TO ALL THAT IS WRITTEN IN IT. FOR THEN YOU WILL MAKE YOUR WAY PROSPEROUS, AND THEN YOU WILL HAVE GOOD SUCCESS.**

**3. EXCELLENT SPIRIT “MAKES”  
DECISIONS OF “EXCELLENCE”.**

**BACK UP DECISION WITH DETERMINATION  
– (CONVICTION NOT PREFERENCE).**



**ACTS 4 V 16 – 20 (NKJ)**

**“WHAT SHALL WE DO TO THESE MEN? FOR, INDEED, THAT A NOTABLE MIRACLE HAS BEEN DONE THROUGH THEM IS EVIDENT TO ALL WHO DWELL IN JERUSALEM, AND WE CANNOT DENY IT. BUT SO THAT IT SPREADS NO FURTHER AMONG THE PEOPLE, LET US SEVERELY THREATEN THEM, THAT FROM NOW ON THEY SPEAK TO NO MAN IN THIS NAME.” SO THEY CALLED THEM AND COMMANDED THEM NOT TO SPEAK AT ALL NOR TEACH IN THE NAME OF JESUS. BUT PETER AND JOHN ANSWERED AND SAID TO THEM, “WHETHER IT IS RIGHT IN THE SIGHT OF GOD TO LISTEN TO YOU MORE THAN TO GOD, YOU JUDGE. FOR WE CANNOT BUT SPEAK THE THINGS WHICH WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD.”**

#### **4. EXCELLENT SPIRIT IS A SPIRIT OF “DEVOTION”.**

*DEVOTION IS ONE OF THE HALLMARKS OF  
EXCELLENCE.*

**PSALM 119 V 38 (NKJ)**

**ESTABLISH YOUR WORD TO YOUR  
SERVANT, WHO IS DEVOTED TO FEARING  
YOU.**

*DEVOTION = IS THE COMMITMENT TO  
CONCENTRATE ON THE ESSENTIALS  
RATHER THAN THE NON-ESSENTIALS.*

**WE MUST BE DEVOTED TO”**

**a) THE CAUSE OF CHRIST AND HIS KINGDOM.**

**MATTHEW 6 V 33 (AMPLIFIED)**

**BUT SEEK (AIM AT AND STRIVE AFTER) FIRST OF ALL HIS KINGDOM AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS (HIS WAY OF DOING AND BEING RIGHT), AND THEN ALL THESE THINGS TAKEN TOGETHER WILL BE GIVEN YOU BESIDES.**

**b) OUR DESTINY.**

**JOHN 15 V 16 (NKJ)**

**YOU DID NOT CHOOSE ME, BUT I  
CHOSE YOU AND APPOINTED YOU  
THAT YOU SHOULD GO AND BEAR  
FRUIT, AND THAT YOUR FRUIT  
SHOULD REMAIN, THAT WHATEVER  
YOU ASK THE FATHER IN MY NAME  
HE MAY GIVE YOU.**

**c) FINISHING STRONG.**

**2 TIMOTHY 4 V 7 - 8 (NKJ)**

**I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT, I  
HAVE FINISHED THE RACE, I HAVE  
KEPT THE FAITH. FINALLY, THERE IS  
LAID UP FOR ME THE CROWN OF  
RIGHTEOUSNESS, WHICH THE LORD,**

**THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE, WILL GIVE  
TO ME ON THAT DAY, AND NOT TO ME  
ONLY BUT ALSO TO ALL WHO HAVE  
LOVED HIS APPEARING.**