

# SERMON NOTES



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***“Success comes to those who have an Excellent Spirit.”***

## **Attributes of People Who Have An Excellent Spirit:**

- 1. People who have an excellent spirit do not compromise!**
- 2. People with an excellent spirit know that they are never alone!**
  - Have confidence in a crisis because Jesus will never leave you or forsake you.
  - Thrive no matter what the world throws at you because you are building your life on the Rock - Jesus Christ.
- 3. People with an excellent spirit are successful!**
  - Daniel had an excellent spirit that was above average and was promoted.
  - God does not promote excuses. God promotes people with an excellent spirit
- 4. People with an excellent spirit are unshakeable!**
- 5. People with an excellent spirit believe for more - an unlimited mindset!**

### **Daniel 6:3 (KJV)**

<sup>3</sup> 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.

## **Characteristics of An Excellent Spirit:**

- 1. Have a Spirit of Wisdom**
  - Wisdom of God operates in your life with an excellent spirit.

### **Daniel 1:20 (KJV)**

<sup>20</sup> And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.

- 2. Believe in God's Wisdom**
  - Live an unlimited life because you serve a God who knows everything and can do everything.
  - Continue to grow and become better.

### **Daniel 2:20 (KJV)**

<sup>20</sup> Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his.

### 3. Learn to Respond in Faith

- Faith is believing what you can't see.
- Respond in faith, not in fear.

#### Daniel 3:16 – 18 (KJV)

<sup>16</sup> Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.

<sup>17</sup> If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

<sup>18</sup> But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

### 4. Have a Bold Witness

- Stay in a habit of daily prayer – the source of his Excellent Spirit.
- Look to God's word for direction.
- What you do in private is a reflection of your excellent spirit.
- Private life – key to public life.

#### Daniel 6:10 (KJV)

<sup>10</sup> Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What are the attributes of having an excellent spirit?
2. How did Daniel walk in faith and in God's wisdom?
3. Challenge: Develop a daily prayer life.

### Resources:

If you would like to look at “**An Excellent Spirit**” sermon series in more depth, Church On The Rock bookstore has excellent resources available.

