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# CHAPTER ONE

## BIBLICAL ICONS OF EXCELLENCE

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When we search through the bible, it is easy to identify many icons of excellence, who should be our role models. However, in this book, I will choose Joseph as our perfect example; one who excelled among his equals in the Old Testament despite all the hatred and attempts to stop him. His life became an embodiment of faithfulness during hard times. He was a dreamer of greatness from his childhood. Unfortunately, everyone around him either misunderstood or persecuted him. Nevertheless, he still excelled during hard times.

*“And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an*

*Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmaelite, which had brought him down thither. And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand. And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand. And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field. And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread, which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favored" (Genesis 39:1-6).*



As a slave boy in the house of Potiphar, who was an officer of Pharaoh and captain of the guard, Joseph excelled. The Lord was with Joseph even in a foreign land because he maintained his relationship with God. He became a prosperous man in-charge of his masters business. He found grace enough to work in the sight of his master. His excellent spirit exposed him to leadership and his master made him the general overseer of his household.

*“And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison. But the LORD was with Joseph, showed him mercy, and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it. The keeper of the prison looked not to anything that was under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and that*

*which he did, the LORD made it to prosper” (Genesis 39:20-23).*

From being an overseer in the house of Potiphar, Joseph was thrown into prison for refusing to commit fornication with Potiphar’s wife (*See Genesis 39:7-13*). Yet, God remained with him in the prison.

While in the prison, the spirit of excellence manifested in Joseph and God showed him mercy. He found favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. All the prisoners were committed to his care. Joseph excelled above other prisoners and prospered in the prison. He maintained his relationship with man and God everywhere he went and remained godly in times of sudden promotion and prosperity. Amazingly, it came to a point Pharaoh had to consult a prisoner.

*“Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have*

*dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it. And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the bank of the river: And, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fat fleshed and well favored; and they fed in a meadow” (Genesis 41:14-18).*

While in prison, Joseph retained his excellent spirit. His excellence in the prison exposed him to pharaoh and he called him out of the prison. He came out of prison, and within a short time, his garment was changed with a clean robe because of the king’s commandment. From the prison, he stood before Pharaoh.

One area he manifested his excellence was his ability to interpret dreams. You need to discover your area of excellence and prayerfully develop it to the highest capacity. You cannot be Jack-of-all-trades and master of



none. When you discover your area of excellence, you can succeed anywhere you go to in life and excel above others, even where you are hated. As long as you maintain your relationship with God without compromise or negotiation with devil, you will surely excel.

*“And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spoke unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled. And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison. But the LORD was with Joseph, showed him mercy, and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it. The keeper of the prison looked not to anything that was under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and*

*that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper” (Genesis 39:19-23).*

Your area of excellence puts you ahead of others to do extraordinary things that are not common. It makes you go at least one inch above others. It singles you out in a crowd and makes you the best among them. Joseph’s area of excellence was his ability to interpret dreams. Joseph knew his limits, but his confidence in such times was God. Excellent people do not stop where their strength, wisdom, knowledge and ability stop.

Joseph said to pharaoh, *“It is not me, God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.”* Pharaoh replied, *“I told of this unto the magicians, but there was none that could declare it to me.”*

There is always a difference between a child of God and a magician. The spirit that rules a child of God is not the same with the spirit that rules a magician.

*“<sup>16</sup>Then will we give our daughters unto you, and we will take your*

daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people. <sup>24</sup>And unto Hamor and unto Shechem his son hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city; and every male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of his city” (Genesis 34:16, 24).

“<sup>8</sup>Then came in all the king's wise men: but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof. <sup>10</sup>Now the queen, by reason of the words of the king and his lords, came into the banquet house: and the queen spoke and said, O king, live forever: let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed: <sup>11</sup>There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, I say, thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and sooth-



sayers; <sup>12</sup>For as much as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and showing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will show the interpretation” (Daniel 5:8, 10-12).

Natural talents and occult divination are different from gifts that God gives. An excellent and talented unbeliever cannot go as far as a true believer who is gifted could go.

*“And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him. Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerer’s, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. Therefore, they came and stood before the king. And the king said unto them, I have*

*dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream” (Daniel 2:1-3).*

It is puzzling that Nebuchadnezzar, a great genius, a warrior and king in the height of occultism and prosperity, was troubled by a dream and all his wise men failed to interpret his dream. It is startling.

Today, the world’s best brains and first-class scientists in all scientific fields are battling in vain to redefine the universe and man’s existence. However, God is searching for men from among His people who will stand out like Joseph, Daniel and his three companions and declare before the world leaders, *‘Thus says the Lord.’* God gives His beloved sleep but sleeplessness is common among great men, who are enemies of God.

*“It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he gives his beloved sleep” (Psalms 127:2).*

*“The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eats little or much: but the*

*abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep” (Ecclesiastes 5:12).*

*“As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealed secrets makes known to thee what shall come to pass” (Daniel 2:29).*

Still on Joseph, he purposely allowed Pharaoh to go into details to explain his dreams. After listening, he simply addressed the king saying, *“The dream of pharaoh is one, God has shown you what He is about to do.”*

We need men like Joseph in our generation, whom God would use to evangelize the world. It is an open challenge and an indictment to us Christians that we have failed to nurture men who are qualified for God’s use.



# CHAPTER TWO

## THE PRICE OF EXCELLENCE

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Often, the journey to excellence is very rough. Most times, it starts with hatred from your own people. Most people do not have interest in tracing the difficult origins of people's excellences. People do not care how the story began; they want to know how it ended. That is why most people desire to be like people with excellent spirit without desiring to pay such prices as they paid.

Like David, people did not know what he went through before he was able to serve his generation according to God's will.

*“For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption” (Acts 13:36).*

Though he was the choice of God, his family members did not recognize him as king at first (See 1 Samuel 16:1-13). Men would always reject God’s choice.

*“And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for Nazarites. Is it not even thus, O ye children of Israel? saith the LORD. But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophesy not” (Amos 2:11-12).*

*“I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive” (John 5:43).*

*“<sup>18</sup>And saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive*

*thy testimony concerning me. <sup>22</sup>And they gave him audience unto this word, and then lifted up their voices, and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live” (Acts 22:18, 22).*

The brethren of Joseph hated him without any cause. If Joseph had fought back, he would have lost his ministry. He would have aborted the gift of God on his life. He would have enjoyed fornication for a few minutes and died as a nonentity.

People also rejected Jesus who came from God. Paul was God’s choice, but people rejected him and many shouted at him to depart, and others lifted up their voices and cried, ‘*Away with such a fellow from the earth, for it is not fit that he should live.*”

A common experience among people God chooses is always rejection by people for whom salvation was determined by God. However, the way those who have been chosen react to things determines whether they would excel or fail. Men do not always choose excellent people. God does. However,



such people always face rejection at the onset. It is a great gift to be divinely appointed.

There is a price to pay as one with an excellent spirit. If you are young, God can empower you to excel. If you are old, you can still recover all your loss and still excel. God called Samuel and Jeremiah through direct communication. Yet, God called Aaron at the age of 83 through Moses, God's messenger. God called Elisha through divine revelation to Elijah and inner confirmation of the spirit within Elisha himself.

Paul was called by God through the Lord Jesus appearing to him in a dramatic but thundering event on the road to Damascus. All these men had almost similar things in common. People rejected them, hated them, conspired against them and opposed them fiercely.

That is why no matter the level of any opposition you face, God demands righteousness, commitment to Him, to the word, to His people and to the service of His ministry, even at the cost of your life. You must have a determined and a purposeful heart; a heart that fears God and is pure, with an

uncompromising commitment to maintain an excellent life in the spirit.

## CHAPTER THREE

# **ROAD TO A BELIEVER'S EXCELLENT LIFE**

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As a young Jewish man, Paul had a very rich profile and belonged to the highly rated class of the Jews. In Jewish way of life, he was a noble scholar. He persecuted the church of God in defense of his religion, which he believed was the true religion God permitted. He was very zealous after the traditions of his father.

*“For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' re-*

*ligion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my father's" (Galatians 1:13-14).*

*"Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless" (Philippians 3:5-6).*

Paul was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth according to the Jewish tradition. He came from the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews. As regarding to the law, he was a Pharisees. In addition, touching his obedience to the law, he was blameless. He was a doctor of law and among the highest and the best. He excelled above his equals in everything he did during his time. Nevertheless, he saw his limitations when the excellence that was Christ Jesus con-



fronted him. When he compared his former excellence in the world with that which was in Christ, he opted for the excellence that was in Christ Jesus. Jesus became his gain.

*“<sup>7</sup>But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. <sup>8</sup>Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, <sup>10</sup>That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death” (Philippines 3:7-8, 10).*

*“Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision” (Acts 26:19).*

Paul narrated his encounter to King Agrippa on his way to Damascus. He told the king how he punished believers of Jesus Christ in every synagogue and compelled

them to blaspheme. On his way to Damascus, he encountered God's power and excellence, and bowed to the heavenly vision.

Paul wrote many things before his conversion. He knew the kingdom of darkness too well. He had experienced the raw power of the occult and the priesthood of evil altars. The day he started doubting the occult powers was the morning of resurrection. That morning, he knew that the power that overtook evil kingdoms and the occult scattered his personal altars, and raised Jesus Christ from the dead was more powerful. However, he did not know how to encounter that highest power.

*“And Saul, yet breathing out threatening and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light*

*from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutes thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? In addition, the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecute: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do” (Acts 9:1-6).*

*“But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelled in you” (Romans 8:11).*

After that encounter, Paul knew that the power of Christ surpassed every other power. He tested the power of the occult, traditions and customs until the day he met with Christ face to face. Every power he knew and his mental storehouse faded away at the appearance of Christ. What did Paul see? He saw the resurrected Christ and



the open heaven. He saw the throne of God and all the angels surrounding Christ. He had known Christ before as the son of God, the son of man, the divine teacher, the great soul winner, the defender of the weak, the good shepherd, the servant, etc.

However, when he encountered Him on his way to Damascus, he saw encountered His glory, authority, purity, wisdom, victory and omniscience. He saw the wisdom of Jesus in its totality. Paul witnessed wisdom of Jesus and His overwhelming knowledge. Seeing all these things made Paul's acclaimed excellences to fade away.

When Paul saw Christ in His glorious triumph over all the powers of darkness that Paul worshipped, he bowed. He could not stand the great beauty, brilliance and great glory of Christ. Therefore, he fell down and became blind.

No matter how much you have excelled or how much you have achieved, if you have not had an encounter with Christ, your excellence amount to nothing and worse than filthy rags. Excellence outside the knowledge of Christ is useless and unproductive.

They fade away easily and are worse than pollution and defilement.

However, the knowledge and encounter with Christ is the beginning of all excellences. Even after that encounter, Christ continued to reveal his excellences to Paul on daily basis. No matter how much you have excelled, you need more of Jesus every-day for His excellences are inexhaustible.

*“Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended but this one thing I do, forgetting those things, which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things, which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. Nevertheless, where do we have already attained, let us walk*

*by the same rule, let us mind the same thing. <sup>17</sup>Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample” (Philippians 3:12-17).*

Let us therefore pray for more excellences from God than we have received. He wants to do more for us than He had done already. Therefore, in order to excel, you must first surrender your life to Christ.

*“Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light” (Matthew 11:28-30).*

*“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6).*



If you are born again already, you need to press forward for an improvement that comes only from Christ. If you are sick, recall that Jesus healed the sick in their numbers and empowered His disciples to do the same. If you are poor or hungry, Jesus fed people that were hungry in their thousands and they were left with much. If you are possessed by demons, Jesus cast out demons and set captives free. He will do the same for you in the name of Jesus.

*“<sup>1</sup>After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. <sup>17</sup>And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. <sup>18</sup>And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. <sup>19</sup> Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you” (Luke 10:1, 17-19).*

If you are confused or troubled, remember He calmed a great storm and commanded it to be still. If you are lying at the point of death, Jesus can give you abundant life. If you are already in the grave or witches and wizards have buried your destiny, Jesus can command you and your destiny out of the grave as He did to Lazarus.

*“Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days. Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead were laid. In addition, Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people, which stand by I said it, that*

*they may believe that thou hast sent me. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, comes forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go” (John 11:38-44).*

If you have been toiling in your life without success, Jesus met Peter like that and made him catch great fishes in a moment of time. If you are disabled, bed-ridden or unclean, Jesus can make you whole. If you are terrible sinner, He can take you to paradise today and forgive all your sins. I know you need Christ in your life. Surrender your life for Him to come in as your savior.



# CHAPTER FOUR

## CALMNESS AND COMPOSURE IN CHAOTIC SITUATIONS

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**Fruits of excellence:** There are distinctive fruits of excellence that distinguishes people with excellent spirits. When things are going well, it is hard to spot people of excellence. Nevertheless, when things become difficult, their excellent spirit radiates like light.

*“<sup>16</sup>Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spoke and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou serve continually, he will deliver thee. <sup>17</sup>And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of*

*the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel. <sup>20</sup>And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spoke and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou serve continually, able to deliver thee from the lions. <sup>21</sup>Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, lives forever. <sup>22</sup>My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocence was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt” (Daniel 6:16-17, 20-22).*

Daniel knew that his colleagues were planning against him. Even after the decree was signed, he did not complain, rather he went to God in prayers. He knew how to handle difficult situations.

Calmness and composure in times of chaos is one of the evidences of the spirit of excellence in a person's life. The same thing hap-

pened to Shedrack, Meshach and Abednego. They told king Nebuchadnezzar, *“We are not careful to answer you in this matter. Go ahead and quickly do what you have decided to do against us but we will never bow down to your idol.”*

When Joseph’s brothers faced him finally, his first reaction was calmness. He found himself under stress and high emotional strains, yet he was calm and composed. With calmness and remarkable moral power, he refused to give way to bitterness, self-pity and despair. He overcame his difficulties with courageous sense of responsibility and high moral value. Earlier, he had rejected, with respect and high level of boldness and calmness, an immoral invitation from a strange woman. He was falsely accused but he was never bitter or vengeful.

*“And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, That she called unto the men of her house, and spoke unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to*



*lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice: And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out. And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home. And she spoke unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me: And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out. And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spoke unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled” (Genesis 39:13-19).*

He calmly waited for God to vindicate him. He did not complain, murmur, regret or exhibit vengeance. God did not disappoint him.

*“Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon: He answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, why is the decree so hasty from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel” (Daniel 2:14-15).*

Likewise, Daniel did not run away or complain but he calmly requested why the decree was made in haste.

# CHAPTER FIVE

## COURAGE DURING CRISIS

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When Belshazzar, the grandson of Nebuchadnezzar, recognized the handwriting on the wall, he was greatly troubled. His countenance fell and his thoughts troubled him. His joints were loosed and his knees smote against the other. None of his wise men could read the writings nor interpret them. When Daniel was invited, he was so bold and courageous.

*“<sup>16</sup>And I have heard of thee, that thou canst make interpretations, and dissolve doubts: now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shall be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about thy*



neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom. <sup>17</sup>Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation. <sup>25</sup>And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. <sup>26</sup>This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. <sup>27</sup>TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. <sup>28</sup>PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians. <sup>30</sup>In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain” (Daniel 5:16-17, 25-28, 30).

“Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would show the king the interpretation” (Daniel 2:16).

In times of crises, people with excellent spirit are always courageous. They are always confident and committed to God. The

confidence of a person with excellent spirit is in his God. They believe that God hears their prayers even at the very last minutes. In times of trouble, fear, doubt, unbelief and discouragement have no place in them.

*“<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. <sup>21</sup>Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, lives forever. <sup>22</sup>My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocence was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt” (Daniel 6:10, 21-22).*

They do not allow prevailing circumstances to bring doubts, fear or discouragement to them. In Daniel's case, he simply asked more time to consult his God. This is a good

model to copy. Always ask more time to consult God.

*“Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would show the king the interpretation. Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven” (Daniel 2:16-19).*

*“The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law” (Deuteronomy 29:29).*



He knew that God has information to every secret on earth. His only concern was that he needed time to commune with God. He believed there was an answer even before he started praying. The wise thing for him to do was to pray. There was no place for fear, doubt or discouragement. Finally, God revealed the meaning of the writings to Daniel.

# CHAPTER SIX

## WHAT IS EXCELLENCE?

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To excel is to rise and be distinguished among others. It also means to outshine and be the best among equals. Someone with an excellent spirit would always rule over others.

*“It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom; And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel was first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage. 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. Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him. Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God” (Daniel 6:1-5).*

In the days of king Darius, who ruled about one hundred and twenty seven provinces, he set one hundred and twenty wise princes over the provinces he ruled. Over the princes, he set three presidents. Daniel became the chief president, who ruled over the other two. The other presidents accounted to Daniel.

The reason why Daniel was preferred above the other presidents was that an excellent spirit was in him. Excellence means outstanding, first-rated, exceptional, superior or best of the best. To have an excellent spirit is to have the most valuable quality that cannot be surpassed easily.



Excellence is a state of perfection. However, looking at excellence from a scriptural dimension, it is a process. It is a commitment to the highest values, which God has given to us. It involves developing and implementing our God-given potentials to the highest capacity to the glory of God and to the goodness of man.

This cannot be possible, however, without salvation from sin, curse and death. Jesus is our only Savior who saves us and intercedes for us before His Father in heaven in order to help us fulfill our destinies on earth.

*“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him” (Acts 10:38).*

Jesus was anointed by the Holy Ghost to do us good and to deliver us from evil. Therefore, a man's perfection and excellence starts the day he gives his life to Jesus. If you have done this, you need to press forward

for the mark of a high calling, which is the state of perfection, holiness of life and daily work with Christ who only is our redeemer, sanctifier and coming king. Praise the Lord!

# WARFARE SECTION

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*Bible references: Daniel 6:1-28; Genesis 41:37-44*

## BEGIN WITH PRAISE AND WORSHIP

1. I remove evil powers that stand between excellence and me by force, in the name of Jesus.
2. O Lord, empower me to excel above my equals, in the name of Jesus.
3. Any evil character that is pulling my life down, I destroy and cast you off, in the name of Jesus
4. Any Goliath that is challenging my life, die in shame, in the name of Jesus.
5. I command satanic marks in my life to disappear, in the name of Jesus.



6. O Lord, empower me to live a faithful life before my God at all cost, in the name of Jesus
7. Every yoke of limitation that was placed upon my life, disappear forever, in the name of Jesus.
8. Any person that was assigned to pull me down, I expose and disgrace you, in the name of Jesus.
9. O Lord, help me to excel everywhere I go in life, in the name of Jesus.
10. Let the power to maintain the best relationship with God and man possess me, in the name of Jesus.
11. I receive grace and divine anointing to excel beyond all human imagination, in the name of Jesus.
12. Let the mercy of God and divine favor begin to pursue and overtake me, in the name of Jesus.
13. I command the spirit of godliness to possess me, in the name of Jesus.
14. Anointing for promotion and prosperity in every situation, possess me now, in the name of Jesus.

15. Any satanic load in my life, give way to God's Spirit, in the name of Jesus.
16. O Lord, empower me to take actions that will help me to excel, in the name of Jesus.
17. Let sudden power of overwhelming excellence come upon me now, in the name of Jesus.
18. Every garment of shame, reproach and disgrace in my life, catch fire and burn to ashes, in the name of Jesus.
19. O Lord, empower me to identify my areas of excellence on time, in the name of Jesus.
20. I refuse to be distracted by the devil and his agents in my life, in the name of Jesus.
21. Anointing to pursue my area of excellence with focus, fall upon me, in the name of Jesus.
22. Any strange fire that is burning good things of my life, die, in the name of Jesus.

23. I command my life to begin to give birth to extraordinary things to the glory of God, in the name of Jesus.
24. O Lord, move me above my superiors, in the name of Jesus.
25. Any power that is standing against my advancement, die, in the name of Jesus.
26. O Lord, take me above my strength, wisdom, knowledge and ability, in the name of Jesus.
27. I bring all my enemies under me by force, in the name of Jesus.
28. Father Lord, help me to develop my talents and my divine gifts today, in the name of Jesus.
29. Lord Jesus, make me greater than the greatest genius in my field, in the name of Jesus does.
30. O hand of God, push me higher than the world's bests and first class scientists, in the name of Jesus.



31. O Lord, help me to discover new things in my field, in the name of Jesus.
32. I scatter the brains of the enemies of my excellence, in the name of Jesus.
33. I abort the dreams of the enemies of my excellence, in the name of Jesus.
34. O Lord, give me the grace to pay the price of excellence, in the name of Jesus.
35. I receive the power and ability to start divine projects and finish well, in the name of Jesus.
36. Blood of Jesus, empower me to satisfy my teachers above their requirements, in the name of Jesus.
37. Let my wisdom, knowledge and understanding supersede all that are in my field, in the name of Jesus.
38. I refuse to embark on useless and unprofitable projects, in the name of Jesus.

39. Every enemy of my excellence is destroyed, in the name of Jesus.
40. Every demonic condition for excellence, I reject you, in the name of Jesus.
41. O Lord, take me higher than the highest person in my field of profession, in the name of Jesus.
42. Let the hand of God remove every satanic roof over my profession, in the name of Jesus.
43. Let anyone that is planning to stop divine movement in my life die, in the name of Jesus.
44. Let divine excellence displace every other excellence in my life, in the name of Jesus.
45. Let divine ability take me above human abilities by force, in the name of Jesus.
46. O Lord, arise and perform a miracle of divine excellence in my life, in the name of Jesus.

47. Let the excellence of the ungodly be disgraced by my divine excellence, in the name of Jesus.
48. Father Lord, empower me to enjoy the fruit of my excellence now and in eternity, in the name of Jesus.
49. Any death that was programmed to kill my excellence, fail woefully, in the name of Jesus.
50. Father Lord, bless my me to reach to eternity, in the name of Jesus.
51. O Lord, use my excellence to better the world and to populate heaven above hell fire, in the name of Jesus.



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