

TEEN SS SCHOOL LESSON



A SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE

PART 3

BIBLE REFERENCE: DANIEL 5:12; 6:3

Daniel 5:12 Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel.

Daniel 6:3 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.

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BREAKDOWN

EXCELLENCE IN CHURCH

If you claim Savannah Holy Church of God as your home church, it is so important that you contribute to this body of Christ. We did not build this church, but we can help take care of it. Pray for YOUR church. Be faithful to YOUR church. Give offerings and tithes to YOUR church. Sew into YOUR church. Cultivate the talents God has given you and then use them in YOUR church.

David played skillfully. What time does church start? 7:30. So 7:29 is not the time to be checking the PA system or the strings on a guitar. If you've been asked to participate in any capacity during a church service, come and be prepared. Don't wait until the last minute to get it together. God deserves better than that.

Come to YOUR church on time. Get involved. It's easy to tell where someone's heart and attention is based on what they spend their time and money on. Show up to church work days. Volunteer around the community. A christian should be an asset to their church and the local church should be an asset to it's community.

EXCELLENCE IN WORSHIP

In Daniel 3, King Nebuchadnezzar required everyone to bow down to a golden image. Music can have a powerful impact on our lives. The music you are listening to can disconnect you from God. When the music played, they had to bow. I don't understand how some people think that listening to profanity and sexually suggestive music hour after hour won't disconnect them from a Holy God. You may come to church and sing in the choir, but your worship and sacrifice of praise is tainted and unacceptable in the sight of God. Decide today whether or not you will allow the music of this culture to disconnect you from your worship to God.

Everyone bowed down, except Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego because they would not worship the king's god. These three Hebrew boys knew that God is Holy and will not compete with anyone. To maintain a spirit of excellence in our worship, we have to surrender our attention to Him.

Worship is a sacrifice of self and obedience unto God. Be very careful to steward your worship with purity because you are dealing with the glory of God. Throughout the Bible, God emphasized His Holiness. In 2 Samuel 6, Uzzah mishandled the glory of God and was killed immediately. Now God is no less Holy than He was then. His Presence is no less sacred than it was then. We can enter His Presence boldly and confidently knowing that we have access to His presence through the blood of Jesus, but we also enter his presence understanding that we are entering the presence of a Holy God.

As worshippers, it is our responsibility to give glory, never to take it. Isaiah 43:7 says, "Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him." Accept compliments and then return them to God. If you keep the glory for yourself, it will destroy you. Any compliments or successes that are not turned into praise unto God, will eventually turn into pride. Pride comes before destruction.