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Daniel 6:1 – 4 (NKJV) – “It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty satraps, to be over the whole kingdom;² and over these, three governors, of whom Daniel was one, that the satraps might give account to them, so that the king would suffer no loss.³ 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.⁴ 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.”

- ❖ An Excellent Spirit is _____. Christ-like Attitude first and foremost. TRUE HUMILITY IS _____ - DEPENDENT! Humility is a huge part of an _____ spirit.
- ❖ *True humility doesn't exalt self. True humility doesn't debase self. True humility isn't about self at all. Self is pride. The need to share your opinion is pride. Slandering or gossiping about someone to improve your reputation is pride. Avoiding criticism is pride. Worrying about what other people think is pride. (Read Numbers 12:3 NKJV) True humility is saying about yourself what God says about you. True humility agrees with God.*
- ❖ An excellent spirit or attitude is the key to _____. Yet many people think that as long as they do the right thing, they will succeed. They think that going through the motions of success will bring success. But that's not true. **WRONG ATTITUDE VOIDS RIGHT ACTIONS.** (Read 1 Corinthians 13:1 – 3 NKJV) – Speaking in tongues, using your faith, and giving to the poor are all good things. But doing “good things” without the right motivation – without the God's kind of love – is worthless. It profits nothing.
- ❖ Mimicking the actions of biblical heroes like Daniel, Joseph, and Paul without the heart that produced those actions leads to frustration, and ultimately failure. That's because in God's kingdom, the _____ behind a person's action is more important than the action itself. Proverbs 21:2 (NKJV) – “Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the hearts.”
- ❖ **A PERSON WITH RIGHT MOTIVATION IS A PERSON OF _____.** Integrity does what's right when everyone is watching, as well as when no one is watching. Integrity is consistent. It does not compromise.
- ❖ Compromise is a big problem in today's society. People tend not to have strong convictions about anything. Compromise is the language of the devil. Whatever you compromise to get or to keep – including “peace” – you'll eventually lose. But God honors conviction that based on the integrity and truth of His Word.
- ❖ Read Daniel 3:1 – 18 (NKJV). These men not only did the right thing by refusing to compromise and refusing to bow, but they also told the king in no uncertain terms, “We're not worried. Your threats are not a big deal. We aren't afraid of what you can do to us.” What an attitude! They just obeyed God and refused to compromise their convictions (Exodus 20:3 – 5)
- ❖ Proverbs 29:25 (NKJV) – “The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.” (NLT) – “Fearing people is a dangerous trap...” If you're afraid of man, you will fall into a snare. You'll always compromise and feed pressured and criticized. But when God is your source, when He is your ultimate authority, you understand the psalmist's declaration that “The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?” – Psalms 118:6 (KJV). As believers, we've got to stop worrying about what other people think. We have to stop living to please man. When speaking the truth in love or speaking a Word from God, we don't tell a person the truth because we're afraid they'll reject it, we've just rejected the truth for them. We need to love people enough to tell them the truth. Truth is what sets people free. (John 8:32)