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Preface

Man was created to be a relational being, and the highest and most strategic relationship that he must pursue and cultivate is the relationship with his Maker.

The book is written to spark the consciousness of the believer in light of his identity in God, for the edification of the saint of God, and to deepen the knowledge of God among those who seek the Truth. As you read through the pages, may the spirit of understanding be upon you. Amen.

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens [outsiders without rights of citizenship], but you are fellow citizens with the saints (God's people), and are [members] of God's household. [Eph. 2: 19 (AMP)]

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always. Shalom.

In the Lord's Service and by the Master's Grace,

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Introduction

God intends for everyone to know Him and His Son Jesus Christ and thereafter live a life that is consistent with their new-found identity in His Son. This new life begins when we receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior and continuously seek to be Christ-like. That life is built on having a functional relationship with Him. His Life is the believer's life. If the Lord reached the heights of a perfect and excellent life, it is possible for the believer to attain those heights as well.

The transformation that leads to a perfect and excellent life is a progressive process that can only happen with the help of the Holy Spirit, who is the One behind perfection and excellence in the life of the believer. Everyone born of God possesses the God-endowed ability to enter into a state of perfection and excellence because it is part of his heritage in Christ Jesus.

Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect. [Mat. 5: 48]

The Lord gave us a command to be perfect as the Father is perfect. This command is backed up by the provision of the

necessary grace and spiritual power that is responsible for igniting and sustaining that kind of lifestyle. The power of God, through the Holy Spirit, is expected to gain expression in the life of a believer through seven pathways (**7 T's**), which are the effective pillars of a perfect and excellent life.

Background

Daniel was one of the captives who were taken from Jerusalem when the Babylonian Kingdom attacked and conquered the Kingdom of Judah. While living as an exile in Babylon, he retained his identity and maintained fellowship with the God of his fathers. Despite the difficult environment he found himself in, he stood out in all that he did and is listed in the roll of the great heroes of faith from whom we can draw invaluable lessons.

His life was marked with increase, dominion, favour, and victory, sometimes against very fierce opposition from those who sought his downfall. His lifestyle is a lesson to every believer that, irrespective of the environments we find ourselves in and the opposition that we may face, it is within the realm of possibilities

to distinguish ourselves, in conduct and in faith, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

As a result of the Spirit of God finding residence in him, the virtue (power) of God was transmitted to his spirit, and what a distinguished life he lived! This is what he became in the Babylonian land of captivity, attracting attention and admiration even from kings. His life was distinguished from that of his peers because the Holy Spirit of God lived in him.

I have heard of you, that the Spirit of God is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you. [Dan. 5: 14]

Jesus Christ is the Jewel of Heaven, the most Perfect and Excellent Man to ever walk on the earth. In His earthly pilgrimage, He lived a life that was pleasing to His Father, an affirmation that it is possible, while we live in this earthly realm, to please the Father. He enjoyed success in everything that He did. He accomplished His divine assignment as had been preordained by the Father. He was able to live a victorious and distinguished life.

God gave Jesus Christ as the Pattern by which believers must model their lives. He stands as a witness that the Holy Spirit is able

to usher us into that state if we submit to His Lordship in all obedience and reverence. There are certain attributes that we can learn from His lifestyle, which are indicative of a life of perfection and excellence. This was possible because the Father gave Him the Spirit without measure (John 3: 34). We will begin to walk and live a perfect and excellent life, which is expressed by the virtues discussed hereunder:

1. Illumination (Light)

DANIEL: Daniel was guided by light in the course of his destiny, which allowed him to live a life consistent with his identity in God. His access to light gave him the advantage of being what God wanted him to become and to do what God wanted him to do. Every decision he made was subject to that light, which exposed him to the realm of revelation.

But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank. [Dan. 1: 8a]

JESUS CHRIST: He did not just have access to light but was the Light of the world (John 9: 5). He possessed a revelation of Who

He was and what the Father's will for Him was. The accuracy of His judgments was based on His access to Light. He could see things beyond the surface, and He could adjust and align with the Father's Will for His Life.

But even if I do judge, My judgment is true and My decision is right; for I am not alone [in making it], but I and the Father who sent Me [make the same judgment]. [John 8: 16 (AMP)]

THE BELIEVER: Our choices must be subjected to the Light of God. We do not just have access to Light; we are now identified as the light of the world (Mat. 5: 14a), by the grace of God, because we are offspring of Light. The Light of His Word is the pillar that guides our walk with Him and opens us up to the streams of revelation.

The entrance of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. [Psa. 119: 130]

2. Insight (Understanding)

DANIEL: Insight gave Daniel the advantage of accessing the supernatural and operating above the limitations of his environment and circumstances. Whenever he was confronted

with a difficult situation where his natural forces were limited, he would easily access the solution to the challenges by drawing from a supernatural source with the help of God.

Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven. [Dan. 2: 19]

JESUS CHRIST: He was full of great understanding and was able to grasp things in the spirit and therefore adjust and align situations to His Father's Will. When confronted with extremely impossible questions, the Holy Spirit gave Him access to solutions. All His actions were driven by the insight that He possessed.

And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. [Luke 2: 47]

THE BELIEVER: Spiritual understanding is a prerequisite for anyone who wants to live a distinguished life. We must draw from the supernatural if we are going to rule over the natural because the natural is always looking for answers. If we do not train ourselves to function from a place of understanding, we will operate from a point of disadvantage against the forces that oppose us. Understanding brings us to the place of fruitfulness in our assignments.

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. [Col. 1: 9]

3. Intelligence (Surpassing Wisdom)

DANIEL: He had the capacity to effectively administer and rule over what had been entrusted to him. This made his ability to govern over whatever was entrusted to him with unmatched precision and efficacy in the entire Kingdom of Babylon. The performance of his administrative duties was executed with unmatched intelligence and excellence, making even his peers jealous of the manner in which he operated.

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. [Dan. 6: 4]

JESUS CHRIST: In His earthly ministry, He operated under exceptional spiritual intelligence. He was wisdom personified, and He knew what His calling was and how to deal with all issues that confronted Him. He overcame all obstacles that stood in the way

of the fulfillment of His destiny. The wisdom at work in Him gave Him the ability to effectively manage the relationship around Him, including with a betrayer in His inner circle.

But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. [John 6: 6]

THE BELIEVER: We cannot effectively administer what God has entrusted to us without accessing and exercising spiritual intelligence, which is the highest form of intelligence. We can only make progress in life through the application of the wisdom that comes from God, which we receive when we are born again, and it becomes our responsibility to grow in it with the help of the Holy Spirit.

How much better to get wisdom than gold! [Prov. 16: 16a]

4. Intimacy (A Deep Attachment & Bond With God)

DANIEL: The relationship that Daniel had with God governed his earthly walk. He drew his strength and wisdom from an eternal Source, with Whom he consistently and continuously connected. He built his entire life around his relationship with God so much

that the only offense that could be laid upon him pertained to the worship of his God.

Then these men said, “We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God.” [Dan. 6: 5]

JESUS CHRIST: He maintained closeness with His Father, from Whom He found support to accomplish His mandate. He always sought to live for the Father, obeying every command and fulfilling every desire that was in His Father’s Heart. He was so connected to the Father that He became inseparable from Him. He and the Father were in perfect union.

I and My Father are one. [John 10: 30]

THE BELIEVER: Our ability to live the quality of life that God intended for us is dependent on the level and quality of our intimacy with Him. We cannot become anything that He has intended for us until we remain connected to Him. Our success in life is pegged on our union with Him and our abiding in Him, irrespective of the circumstances we find ourselves in. He must remain in us and we in Him.

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. [John 15: 4]

5. Intercession (Prayer Culture)

DANIEL: He had the ability to make petitions to God for the nation of Israel in the season of their bondage in Babylon and to plead for their deliverance. Even though he was in the King's employment as a superior official in a foreign land, he carried the burdens of his people, praying fervently for them by seeking the mercies of God over them so that they could be restored.

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since the early days. [Dan. 6: 10]

JESUS CHRIST: He performed His intercessory function with consistency, and He continues to do so even now. He did not intercede because He was in need but rather because that was part of the outcomes of the Holy Spirit's dealings with Him. The

success of His earthly ministry depended on His intercessory function. His intercessory ministry, powered by His love for people, enabled Him to fulfill His mandate.

Coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed... And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed. [Luke 22: 39a, 41]

THE BELIEVER: We find that the more we walk with God, the more the Holy Spirit will recruit us to make intercessions for God's purposes to be fulfilled. God will have us invest ourselves in a rich prayer culture for ourselves and for others. The Holy Spirit will make it a point of praying to God through us. Intercession will form part of our spiritual conduct.

Pray without ceasing. [1 Thes. 5: 17]

6. Influence (Authority, Dominion, and Success)

DANIEL: He was able to affect the territory where he operated and the people around him. He excelled so much that it was impossible to overlook or ignore him, not because they liked him but much more because of his spiritual stature and the dominion

he possessed. Kings and rulers took note of his distinguished life, marked with remarkable results.

There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the Spirit of the Holy God. And in the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, were found in him; and King Nebuchadnezzar your father—your father the king—made him chief of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers. [Dan. 5: 11]

JESUS CHRIST: He possessed the ability to affect and control His environment. He was so influential that they almost made Him a physical king (John 6: 15). His ability to walk in victory and dominion made Him attract the attention of many, including His persecutors. His words and works were a testament that He was living beyond the abilities of a natural man.

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. [Acts 10: 38]

THE BELIEVER: Every believer has in them the potential to influence the environments they find themselves in, for the glory of God. There is no amount of darkness that can stand against the

light that the believer possesses, for light overpowers darkness. The believer influences situations and circumstances around him by his presence, his words, and his works because the Holy Spirit works in and through him.

The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. [Isa. 60: 3]

7. Impact (Efficiency and Efficacy in Assignments)

DANIEL: He produced tangible results on assignments and tasks entrusted to him. Whatever assignment he was dealing with, he was fruitful, almost beyond error. He operated at a level way above even his peers. He became a reference point of administrative and bureaucratic excellence, the King's choice to prevent the King and the kingdom from suffering loss.

And over them three chief commissioners (of whom Daniel was one), that these satraps might be accountable to them, so that the king would have no loss [from disloyalty or mismanagement]. [Dan. 6: 2 (AMP)]

JESUS CHRIST: He lived an impactful Life, that was marked and colored by exemplary results. He walked in victory over all kinds

of opposing forces that were a limitation to natural men. Every place He went to, He was able to change the lives of those He found, especially those who had faith in Him. In the end, he defeated sin, death, and the devil forever!

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. [Mat. 9: 35]

THE BELIEVER: Every believer can live a life of impact with the help of the Holy Spirit, the Spiritual Force behind a perfect and excellent life. He is the pivot for anyone who seeks to pursue the full expression of the God-kind Life. He is the One who transmits, activates, and safeguards the Life of God in the spirit of the believer. The believer can now live a distinguished life.

He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper. [Psa. 1: 3]

Conclusion

As you meditate upon the contents of this booklet, may you enjoy every blessing that results from trusting in His everlasting

faithfulness. May He be your Perfect Shield and your exceedingly Great Reward. Shalom.

Other Word References

But the path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day. [Prov. 4: 18]

I will make you an eternal excellence, a joy of many generations. [Isa. 60: 15b]

Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever. [Dan. 12: 3]

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. [1 John 4: 17]

Prayer

Father God, thank You for Your love. I pray that You will give me the knowledge and the wisdom to build a life that allows the Holy

Spirit to find residence in me so that I can live a perfect and excellent life, consistent with Your expectations of me as Your son. Give me the grace to be effective in the area of my assignment so that I can bring you glory in all that I think, speak, and do. In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Epilogue

For one to live this perfect and excellent life, they must accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior so that He can give them the Gift of the Holy Spirit. If you have not believed and accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, please read out this prayer. Thereafter, ask Him to lead you to the right company of believers, where your relationship with Him will be strengthened. Shalom.

Sinner's Confession

Father God, I thank You for loving me even when I was still in sin. I also thank You for Jesus Christ, for His death and resurrection from among the dead. I confess that I have not been living right with You. I ask for Your mercy, forgiveness, and

deliverance from the power of sin. From this moment on, I ask that You come, together with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, and make Your dwelling place in my heart. I renounce sin, and from this day forward, I confess that Jesus Christ is Lord in my life and that I am born of God. Amen.

By making this confession, you have allowed Jesus Christ into your heart, and you are now a believer, born after God. The next thing is to seek water baptism to affirm this reality: that you are dead to sin and the world, and the life you are now living is the Life of Jesus Christ. Ask God to grant you the gift of His Holy Spirit, Who will help you in your walk with Him. Exercise yourself unto godliness by reading the Word, offering prayers to God, and uniting yourself with a fellowship that believes in Jesus Christ. May His grace be with you eternally. Shalom.

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This booklet is a brief exposition on the seven pathways through which a perfect and excellent life is expressed based on the lives of Daniel and Jesus Christ.

It is the intention of Jesus Christ that every believer take after Him and replicates His Character, His Nature and His Identity while we are on earth.



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