

# 5-Day Devotional: Anchored in Excellence

## Day 1: The Spirit That Distinguishes You

Reading: Daniel 6:1-10; Proverbs 3:5-6

### Devotional:

Daniel distinguished himself not by his intelligence or good looks, but by the excellent spirit within him.

As you navigate new seasons—college, career, relationships—the world will offer countless voices telling you how to succeed.

But true excellence comes from letting God's Spirit rise within you. Daniel purposed in his heart that nothing would come between him and his God.

**What boundaries have you established?**

**What have you decided in your heart will not compromise your faith?**

Before you chase dreams and degrees, make the decision Daniel made: **God first, always.** Trust Him with all your heart, acknowledge Him in all your ways, and watch Him direct your path toward true distinction.



~ Minister Kelvin L. Briggs

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## Day 2: When The Storm Reveals Your Purpose

Reading: Matthew 8:23-27; Romans 8:28

### Devotional:

The disciples faced a terrifying storm, yet they were safe because Christ was in their boat.

Life will bring disappointments—rejected applications, failed relationships, redirected plans.

But sometimes God uses storms to reveal something beautiful within you and redirect you toward your true purpose.

**The question isn't whether storms will come, but whether Christ is with you when they do.**

Those moments when your carefully laid plans fall apart may be God showing you where you truly belong. **Don't just survive your storms; look for what God is teaching you through them.**

Keep Christ in your boat, and even your disappointments can become divine appointments that clarify your calling.

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## Day 3: Degrees Without Deity

**Reading:** Ecclesiastes 3:11; Luke 12:16-21

### **Devotional:**

Education matters. Pursue excellence. Get that degree.

But never detach your ambitions from the Lord.

Solomon, the wisest and richest man who ever lived, looked at all his accomplishments and called them "**vanity.**" Why? Because God has placed eternity in our hearts—no earthly achievement can satisfy the soul designed for divine purpose.

The rich fool in Luke 12 had everything except what mattered most: his soul belonged to God, and God required it that very night. As you build your career and chase your dreams, ask yourself the minister's question:

**"And what then?"**

Let your accomplishments serve God's eternal purposes, not just your temporary comfort.

**Only what's done for Christ will last.**

*~ Minister Kelvin L. Briggs*



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## Day 4: Custom of Faithfulness

Reading: Daniel 6:10; Ephesians 4:31-32

### Devotional:

**"As was his custom"** —these four words reveal Daniel's secret.

When crisis came, Daniel didn't scramble to find God; he went to the place he always went. His prayer life wasn't an emergency response system; it was his lifestyle.

**What customs are you establishing now?** When trouble comes—and it will—you'll turn to whatever you've been turning to all along. Some turn to horoscopes, friends, or social media.

Daniel turned to God because that's what he always did.

**Establish your spiritual customs now:** daily prayer, Bible reading, worship. Don't wait for the lion's den to discover you need God.

Build your relationship with Him in the calm so you can stand firm in the storm.

**Your customs today determine your courage tomorrow.**

~ *Minister Kelvin L. Briggs*



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## Day 5: The Five Steps Home

Reading: Acts 2:36-41; Romans 10:9-13

Devotional:

**Hear. Believe. Repent. Confess. Be baptized.**

These aren't suggestions; they're the pathway to salvation.

You can have all the degrees, all the success, all the worldly achievements, but if you miss these steps, you've missed everything. **Hearing God's Word** isn't passive listening—it's active engagement with truth.

**Believing the gospel** means accepting that Jesus lived, died, and rose again for you. **Repentance** isn't just saying sorry; it's committing to turn from sin and live differently.

**Confession** before others declares whose you are.

**Baptism** washes away sin and gives you the Holy Spirit—your power source for Christian living. Have you taken these steps? If not, today is your day.

**Don't climb the ladder of success only to discover it's leaning against the wrong wall.**