

Scripture records how Daniel had an excellent spirit. If you study his life, you find that he had excellent friends - Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego - who wouldn't bow down to King Nebuchadnezzar's golden idol even if it meant losing their lives. No wonder Daniel was a person of excellence. His friends were people of integrity, people of great courage, people who wouldn't compromise, people who had big dreams for their lives, just as he did.

Psychologists talk about "the law of the group" - that we associate with people the way we see ourselves. Have you noticed how gossipmongers find other people who like to gossip? Negative people gravitate toward other negative people. Complainers find other complainers. Because, as the saying goes, "birds of a feather flock together", make sure you are flocking to the right group. Victorious people associate with other victorious people. Successful people find other people who are successful. Happy people hang around other happy people. Eagles soar with other eagles. If you let go of the wrong people, God will bring the right people across your path.

Daniel 6:3 "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."