

The Mark of Godliness

Daniel 6:1-3

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do you think of this statement? "It's not about what you know, it's about who you know that usually brings about a promotion/job." Should Christians have a different perspective?
2. Daniel possesses an excellent attitude in the realm of his work. How's your attitude with your work/school?
3. Have you ever found that when you begin to excel, other people look for ways to hold you back and tear you down? How should you deal with those who would cheer at your downfall and even try to hasten it?
4. Daniel was faithful in his work. In 6:4 "...They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent." Nowadays, only on very few occasions will you find an individual who is completely trustworthy. Do you agree?
5. Prayer was not an incidental thing in Daniel's life. In fact, it was the most important thing. He had a special place, special times, and he was consistent and persistent. How does this compare to your own prayer life?
6. By continuing to pray openly three times a day, both believers and unbelievers witnessed Daniel's consistency. From observing you, what can unbelievers determine about your life?
7. Daniel possesses personal purity. His peers spied on him. They found nothing lacking. He was a man of personal purity. How would you do if someone was to search you?
8. In your own life, have you ever experienced God in the midst of a "lion's den" (of skeptics, critics, persecutors, etc.)? Has your lifeline ever been only God and God alone?

CLOSING THOUGHTS

The only really safe place is in the will of God. Daniel would rather die in obedience to God's Word and ways than live outside the will of God. While it is not always God's will to deliver every believer from danger, and many have given their lives in that place of duty, what a reward God promises even in that circumstance!

"Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." Revelation 2:10