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Daniel's Dilemma

Daniel 6







Daniel's life: from captain to captive

Then the king commanded Ashpenaz, his chief eunuch, to bring some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility, youths without blemish, of good appearance and skillful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding, learning, and competent to stand in the king's palace, and to teach them the literature and the language of the Chaldeans.

Daniel 1:3–4



Daniel's resolve

But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king's food...

Daniel 1:8



Daniel's integrity

Then this Daniel became distinguished above all other high officials and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.

Daniel 6:3



Daniel's accusers

Then the high officials and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him. Then these men said, "We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God."

Daniel 6:4–5



Daniel's dilemma

Therefore King Darius signed the document and injunction.

Daniel 6:9



Daniel's practice (6:10–11)

- He had a place: *He went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber...*
- He had a posture: *...toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees...*
- He had a pattern: *...three time a day and prayed...*
- He had a praise: *...and gave thanks to his God as he had done previously.*
- He had a plea: *Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God.*



Application: Our practice?

- Where might be your place?
- What might be your posture?
- When will be your pattern?
- How might you maintain praise?
- What currently is your plea?

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