

THE BOOK OF DANIEL
“The Lion Tamer”

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Daniel 6:1-28

1. THE **CHARACTER** OF DANIEL: (vs. 1-3)

1. His Integrity Was Exemplified by His ***Spirit***. (v. 3a)

“Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him....” (v.3a KJ)

“And I will give them singleness of heart and put a new spirit within them. I will take away their stony, stubborn heart and give them a tender, responsive heart.” (Ezekiel 11:19 NLT)

“And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations.” (Ezekiel 36:26-27 NLT)

“But now let me show you a way of life that is best of all. If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn’t love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.” (I Cor. 12:31b-13:1 NLT)

B. His Integrity Was Exemplified by His ***Steadfastness***. (v. 4b)

“Then the other administrators and high officers began searching for some fault in the way Daniel was handling government affairs...” (v. 4b NLT)

C. His Integrity Was Exemplified by His ***Surety***. (v. 5)

“Our only chance of finding grounds for accusing Daniel will be in connection with the rules of his religion.” (v. 5 NLT)

Romans 7:14-23 NIV

Romans 8:1-2 NIV

2. THE **CONFLICT** OVER PRAYER: (vs. 4-9)

“So they concluded, ‘Our only chance of finding grounds for accusing Daniel will be in connection with the rules of his religion.’” (v. 5 NLT)

“So the administrators and high officers went to the king and said, ‘Long live King Darius! We are all in agreement---we administrators, officials, high officers, advisors, and governors--- that the king will make a law that will be strictly enforced.’” (vs. 6-7 NLT)

“An arrogant man stirs up strife, but he who trusts in the Lord will prosper.” (Prov. 28:25)

3. THE *CHOICE* OF DANIEL: (vs. 10-13)

“But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God.” (v. 10 NLT)

“Hearing this, the king was deeply troubled, and he tried to think of a way to save Daniel. He spent the rest of the day looking for a way to get Daniel out of this predicament.” (v. 14 NLT)

4. THE *CONSEQUENCE* OF DECISIONS: (vs. 14-24)

“So at last the king gave orders for Daniel to be arrested and thrown into the den of lions.” (v. 16 NLT)

“Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night fasting. He refused his usual entertainment and couldn’t sleep at all that night.” (v. 18 NLT)

5. THE KING’S *CITATION*: (vs. 25-28)

“Then King Darius sent this message to the people of every race and nation and language throughout the world.” (v. 25 NLT)

“So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Great.” (v. 28 NLT)

“So Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.” (NIV)

“From then on, Daniel was treated well during the reign of Darius, and also in the following reign of Cyrus the Persian.” (The Message)

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28 NIV)

“What is more pleasing to the Lord, your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams.” (I Samuel 15:22 NLT)