"DANIEL: A Man of Godly Character"

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A conviction is a belief you will not let go of no matter what the cost.

He purposed in his heart not to bend on his Bible convictions.

A. Convictions will always be tested (v. 5-7)

B. Convictions should always be held to graciously (v. 8b-9)

C. Convictions will always require faith (v. 10-14)

D. Convictions will always be rewarded (v. 9, 15-21)

II. The HUMILITY of Daniel (Chapter 2)

A. Humility affects the tongue (v. 14)

B. Humility relies upon God (v. 16-19)

C. Humility recognizes God's grace (v. 23; cp. I Cor. 4:7)

D. Humility is compassionately concerned about others (even one's enemies) (v. 24)

E. Humility gives God the credit (v. 28)

F. Humility seeks the promotion of others (v. 30, 49)

III. The RESPECT of Daniel (Chapter 4)

Respect is reverently submitting yourself under one who has a God-given position that is above you.

A. A respectful response (v. 19)

B. A respectful referral (He calls the king "lord" (v. 24)

C. A respectful request (v. 27)

IV. The INTEGRITY of Daniel (Chapter 5)

A. A man with integrity has the "grit" to separate from pagan parties (v. 1-10)

B. A man with integrity has a testimony or reputation of dignity and honor (v. 11-14)

C. A man with integrity is not motivated by materialism (v. 17)

V. The SUPPLICATION of Daniel (Chapter 9)

Daniel approached God's throne on behalf of his nation with:

A. Whole-hearted seriousness (v. 3)

B. Holy reverence (v. 4)

C. Honest confession (v. 5-14)

What is honest confession of sin?
1. Call sin what it is (v. 5-10)
2. Take personal responsibility (v. 11-14)

D. Humble petition (v. 15-19)

Daniel petitions the Lord for mercy based on:

1. God's righteousness (v. 16a; cp. v. 2)

2. God's glory and honor (v. 16b-17)

3. God's desire and ability to forgive (v. 18-19; v. 9)

VI. The TENACITY of Daniel (Chapter 6)

Tenacity is persistence that will NOT let go!

Daniel's tenacity to doing right showed in two ways:

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1. He was known for his "excellent spirit" (v.3)

2. He was known for his spotless character (v.4-9)

3. He was known for his "continual service" (v.16, 20)

B. His devotional life (v. 10-11)

Daniel was persistent in spending time alone with God:

1. Daniel didn't care what it might cost him
   ("knew that the writing was signed")

2. Daniel let nothing interfere or change his habit
   ("windows open...toward Jerusalem")

3. Daniel had set apart specific times to spend with God
   ("three times a day")

4. Daniel spent time with God consistently
   ("as he had done aforetime")

Concl. Can you see anything peculiar about the 6 character traits of Daniel?

1. **C**onviction
2. **H**umility
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4. **I**ntegrity
5. **S**upplication
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