

DARE TO BE A DANIEL

Daniel 1:8-21

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- Preeminent among the children of Israel – Daniel 1:3-6*
- Gained preeminence among the wise of men of Babylon - Daniel 1:17-20*
- He was given power over all of Babylon - Daniel 2:48-49; 5:29*
- He received similar power over the Medo-Persian empire - Daniel 6:1-3, 28*

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- Daniel was a man of purpose.*
- Daniel purposed in his heart – Daniel 1:8*
- Because of his willingness to put God first – Daniel 1:9*
- But it happened in the case of Joseph also – cf. Genesis 39:1-4; 21-23*

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- Every child of God needs to be a person of purpose.*
- What should be the "purpose" of the Christian?*
- Jesus makes it clear in Matthew 6:33*
- To seek the will of God and fulfill it in our lives, no matter the circumstances.*

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- Daniel was a man of principle.*
- He refused to compromise his convictions – Daniel 1:8; 5:13-17; 6:10*
- People admire those who have principle.*
- God also admires individuals who will stand by their principles – Psalms 15:1-5*

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- Daniel was a man of purity.*
- His opponents could not find any fault – Daniel 6:1-4*
- Christians also are to maintain purity of conduct - Whether young or old cf. 1 Timothy 4:12; Titus 2:6-8*
- Whether slave or free - cf. Titus 2:9-10*

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Daniel was a man of prayer.

A glimpse of his prayer life – Daniel 6:10

His prayers were a "custom since early days," demonstrating his persistence and faithfulness in his service to God.

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Daniel was a man of prayer.

Christians would do well to follow Daniel's example.

As Christians, we too are to pray often - 1Thessalonians 5:17-18; Colossians 4:2

Even the finest of God's servants must maintain fixed prayer habits.

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Conclusion:

Will you "Dare To Be A Daniel" by becoming a person of:

Purpose?

Principle?

Purity?

Prayer?